(Anonymous,
Betty & Cubby)

Kinderhook, N. Y.
January 6, 1943

Dear Mrs. Speer,

We are very sorry that we couldn't come to thank you for the very nice Christmas gifts. But we are nearly fifty miles from Lakeville and it is such a trip at the present time.

However we are trying in writing to thank you for the lovely gifts. They will surely be very useful, no doubt in the near future as we are expecting the addition to our family around the end of January.

Hoping this letter finds you in the best of health.

Very Truly,
Betty & Cubby.

—, Jim

79

815 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Rob —

There is a new radiance in Heaven! She has come forward with a smile to greet Him. The smile is what it has always been, for it has always been Heaven-born.

And He has smiled and said "Vera, I have always marked you for my own"

Dear, dear Rob! You have illuminated an hour which would be dark indeed, did we not know what has come to her.

How she loves you and Emma!

And who are we to mourn when she gains the reward of a valiant, triumphant life?

God be thanked for the years he has allotted me to be near her, and to share with her all she has shared with me.

Dear Rob — I love you for what you have done for me.

Jim

Feb 6/'46

Vera

— , Jim

Info

815, FIFTH AVENUE

Dear Rob —

The estate & I have wanted to send you the enclosed to cover your expenses when you and Emma came so spontaneously to help in the lovely service we were able to have for Vera.

So many have written & have spoken of what you invoked in your tender & noble prayer. I have been inundated with tender & loving letters, & am very busy answering them.

Your & Emma's love has meant everything to me in these days in which I try to learn new technique in getting on without her. Besides loveliness, she had many beautiful arts.

With love

Jim

Mar 18/46

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February 13, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your letter to Mr. Rodeheaver arrived this morning, and we are returning the book immediately, by first class mail, today. I know Mr. Rodeheaver deeply appreciates your willingness to let him go through this book. He is now in Florida, and I am forwarding your letter to him in this mail.

Mr. Rodeheaver hasn't been at the office any length of time since our Louisville work. His brother, Dr. Joseph N. passed away rather suddenly of a heart attack, down at Melbourne, Fla., on Jan. 28th, interment was at Warsaw (about 3 miles from Winona. Rody happened to be in Jacksonville at the time, rushed over to Melbourne and was at his side when death came. He and Mrs. J.N. brought the remains here, and shortly after the funeral services Rody left for Florida to again pick up some work he had to leave when coming north.

Any delay in returning the book is not his fault, but mine. When he was here for his brother's funeral services, he turned it over to me to copy certain passages. I didn't realize that you might need the book and put it on my desk for a few days, when there was so much confusion as a result of Dr. Joe's passing; however, we have gotten some very interesting passages from the book which I feel sure can be used effectively in Mr. Rodeheaver's talks to the young people, and older ones as well.

It was good to hear you again in Louisville. I have heard you many times, and I believe I enjoyed your Louisville messages even more than those of other years, and for that matter I have always appreciated your addresses.

With personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

B. D. Ackley

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Jan. 21, 1947

Dr. R. E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It was good to see you in Norfolk and have a chance for a little visit with you. I only wish I could have had more time to talk with you and more opportunity to hear you speak. You always do me good.

I understand that the Woman's Missionary Union of our Baptist churches in Virginia has invited you to speak at their annual convention next March. They are to meet in our church and I am writing to add my own personal invitation to theirs. We do hope that your schedule can permit you to come for your presence and message would mean much to the hundreds of women who will be here from all over the state. It will be a personal privilege and joy to welcome you to our pulpit if you can come.

With all personal good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Theodore F. Adams

TFA:LE

Aller, Catherine

MRS. HOWARD LEWIS ALLER LANE'S END LAKEVILLE, CONN.

June 26, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer;

It is a great pleasure to me that you are to be the speaker at the meeting of the Up-Keep Society to be held at my home on July 10th. It may be that you have been asked to speak on some particular subject. I do not know, but if not I am taking a certain liberty which you are of course free to disregard, and suggesting one thought that might be brought to us.

When your wife mentioned to me in the course of a recent conversation that you believed simply and implicitly in our Lord's Word that He would, at the right time and hour, appear to us again, and lead us out of dire troubles, and be with us visibly and actually, as He is, invisibly but actually, it gave me a great thrill of joy. For I am one of many who also hold that hope in simple faith. We do not need to know when, as He said, but it is my simple faith that He meant just what He said about it. It would further seem to many that we are now in the times of prophesy, in which He and He alone can can save us from our own destructions. I cannot read the daily papers, or the books pouring out about the difficulties of our day, without instinctively reaching out for His assurrance "When these things begin to come to pass, then LOOK UP - for your salvation draweth nigh."

When Mrs. Speer mentioned your conviction to me, and I felt the encouragement of just knowing that you held that hope, too, "unorthodox" tho it be, (stangely enough !) it also occurred to me that it might bring freshening courage to others to hear you give your reason for the faith that is in you. It may not seem wise to you to do this, publicly. But at least I am taking the liberty to telling you how I feel about it, and hope you will not feel I am intruding in doing so. It is always a blessing to listen to you, and your subject is bound to be a real one, whatever you elect to speak about. If it is not to be the one I here mention, than I am sure it will be one that will help us live through these confusing days with greater faith.

With sincere regard, your friend and neighbor,

Catherine Allen

1945. Andrews, Mrs. E. S.

Gracious Master "Thy Way" (not my ways.)
"Thou Art Faithful Who Promised."
Praise ye the Lord God of Israel.
The Bible - The wonderful, living, Holy Word of almighty God.
Matt 4:4. It is written, man shall not live by bread
alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the
mouth of God. Lk 11:28 Prov 8:17 Lk 1:6 Lk 24:
Christ JESUS my loving, living Lord - The Miracle Worker.
He Is Risen Indeed! Lk 24:51-53 Acts 1:9-11. He Is Able.
He led me out as far as to Bethany and He blessed me.
Father, Son - Holy Spirit - One God.
Sin and Salvation. all have sinned. all under the curse.
The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.
The way of the transgressor is hard.
This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.
hear ye him. Matt 5:17 John 14:6
Matt 11:28-30 Matt 10:28 John 6:37 John 6:27-29 John 6:44-48.
Matt 4:19 Mark 1:17 Psa 111:10 Psa 26:2 Rom 7:19-25.
Rom 7:1-7 1 John 2:1 Rom 8:24-28 Heb 9:23-24 John 15:1-17.

"Christ my Lord" took off my cloak of religion
For it covered a dark heart of sin.
Tho I forced many smiles and pretended
Much evil and strife were within.
Too busy to think of the Bible
Through all of the weekday rush.
Cold "forms of religion" on Sunday
Did not effect me much.
I lived for the people about me.
What they thought of me meant a great deal
But - this churchy, so-called Christian
Forgot JESUS. He had never been real.
With my Bible one day for hours I sat
Its pages were new though the cover well worn
A Christian am I. Should it all be like this?
Surely - God never meant one to be so forlorn.
Had got more patience than I, I wondered
I will read it all through Oh! for rest from my tears
Then my head went low, so shaken with sorrow
My dear LORD. His patience with me all these years.
I prayed for forgiveness, asked the Sin Bearer for help
Had I known to cry to Him first
His marvelous touch healed my sad, troubled heart
And I of all sinners the worst.
My Father God chastened because of His love
He would teach me to take His right way
He would have me repent and receive His dear Son
Whom He sent to save all gone astray.
I acknowledged Him then as I wept and prayed
I could see my God heeding for me.
Then joy unspeakable filled my anxious heart
Christ arose to justify me. Hallelujah!

I found Him whom my soul loveth
His blood has cleansed me from sin. Hallelujah!
My name now appears in "The Book of Life"
By Christ Jesus I entered in.
I know that my Redeemer liveth
When dead and blind He quickened me.
I know that my Redeemer heareth
He broke my shackles and set me free.
I know that my Redeemer worketh
There is silver replacing the dross.
Between right and wrong I can now discern
I have peace through the blood of His cross.
I know that my Redeemer loveth
With a love so true it is free
With a love so great it covers all
It even sought and rescued me.
I have Christ Jesus my Lord. I am now a Christian
Yes, "Born again" I live and see
I have Him whom my soul loveth
The Supreme One of Calvary.
I thank Thee and praise Thee my Saviour divine
Thou art coming. Keep me nigh.
Forgive all who fail me I pray Thee Lord.
Found wanting so grievous am I.
The captivity of Job Thou didst turn when he prayed
For his friends. They too could not see
Sweet fruit of the Spirit - Love - I know
And the sweetest of all fruits - charity.
I thank Thee dear Lord for eternal life
My soul doth dwell at ease.
Make me quick to hear, to see, to serve
'Tis "Thee" alone I seek to please.
Who am I that "Thou" should be mindful of me?
"Thou" hast filled my soul with "Thy" praise
"Thy" marvelous works overwhelm me.
Gracious Master "Thy Way" (not my ways.)
Praise ye the Lord God of Israel!
Holy Spirit so sweet is "Thy" voice
Bless ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
In "Thee" doth my spirit rejoice.
"Thou" hast fed me in "Thy" pleasant pasture
Endured the cross, despising the shame
To "Thee" my heart sings, gracious Master
How glorious "Thy" great, Holy Name!
Amen.
Psa 107:2 Psa 116. Gal 2:20 John 3:30 Jas 5:16 S. Andrews.

In Christ Jesus
Mrs E. S. Andrews
5635 Montrose St
Phila 43 Pa

Appleby, J. Donald

Mount Union, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1945.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Huntingdon, Pa.

Dear sir,-

The Moderator, Rev Harold G. Keen, at our Session meetimg last night stated that you would speak at the Presbytery Meeting in Huntingdon Presbyterian Church on next Tuesday eveningaweek, April 17th. and urged us all to be present if possible. We are very glad to hear that you purpose to come to Huntingdon to again address your friends, or the children and grandchildren of your friends. As my grandfather, James McNeal (of near Shade Gap) was quoted by my father as often saying (and my grandfather was merely quoting from more ancient and Biblical authority) "The Lord Willing) we will do so and so or go and come" We pope your health will permit you this trip and that the Lord's Work will be furthered thereby. You will note many changes and many faces are missing but the Lord raises other workers and his work goes on.

Huntingdon Church and Huntingdon Presbytery have had a wonderful History and the Lord has blessed them and we will never know how far their influence has gone toward the final day when our Lord will come and open the books and give judgement and reward. May they as a whole and as individual members ever continue to give a faithful and true and zealous witness to him who is our Lord and Leader.

In the present World outlook and planning for after the War it w uld seem to me that a great vision is opened to Christian men. Our country is nearly plagued with surplus money. There seems to be a dearth of good investments. The Missionaries have always been forerunners of business opportunities. With Christian men like Mr. Cleveland Dodge in Syria, conversant with the opportunities of the near east and of the great Messopotamian plain. The Tigris and the "Great River" (Euphrates) running their waters waste to the sea, waiting to be harnessed in the mountains for electric power, with storage of waters for the dry periods of the year and to furnish irrigation once more to fertile millions of acres which once produced abundantly and could again. And the people, murdered and starved when Tamer, the Lame, cut the dykes and turned the land back to desert waste, would be replaced by happy contented populations.

It is a large undertaking and has great difficulties but if the new World Order is going to insure peace it might well make its biggest strides by giving homes and livlihood to the thousands who would live here. Trade would spring up as demands would be created for the commodities of the industrial Nations.

Christian men should be the ones to pioneer the World. Even as the Missionaries go ahead and Preach the Gospel and open the way so Christian men should follow and build up, not to exploit but to aid these peoples and in so doing would be entitled to a good return upon their investment.

Begging your pardon for such a long letter and with best wishes for your health and future we remain

Very truly J. Donald Appleby

Archibald, Arnold E.

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Feby. 12th., 1947

My dear Dr. Speer:

I am dreadfully ashamed to have kept you waiting all this time for the balance due you. Needless to say it has been lack of funds and, while they are coming in slowly, I cannot yet pay you the entire amount of $175.00 still due. However, I am sending $100.00 at this time and trust you will understand. Just as soon as I can I shall send the balance.

Thank you for your gracious patience.

Sincerely

Arnold E. Archibald
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Dec. 30,1946.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
c/o Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

My colleague, Dr. A. E. Armstrong, is booked for retirement on June 30th. At our Annual Meeting during the last week of April we should like to present him with the customary book of congratulatory letters. Naturally, as one of his associates in the Foreign Missions Conference , you are one from whom we should like to hear. We are setting March 1st as the return date for the letters, but the earlier the better.

We enclose paper on which the tribute should be written. Please write on one side of the sheet, and within a panel which leaves a border of $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches on all sides.

With thanks, and Season's Greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Jesse H. Arnup

JHA:C

My dear E—

A hearty welcome to the company of busy old fellows supposed to be retired. Life begins now for you. All that went before is just preparation for the real thing ahead of you. Come and let us give thanks & praise the Lord together.

It is good to look ~~back~~ beyond us. remember the past years. My memories go back to the beginning of the Mackay secondship, to Principal Cavan, Dr. Warden, his Macdonald, and the good company of sixty years ago. And you and those who followed them have been dear friends. It has been a blessed fellowship and you have reason in abundance which I share with you for thanking God for your own part. — the good cheer, sound sense, bear faith and loyal friendship which have characterized your grand service. Thank as the years.

We have seen great changes in the world abroad, in the Church at home, in the place of the mass entrepreneurs in the public mind. I think often of the contrast between an ordination today and the customs of 1900 at the memorable Sun-Convention in Toronto. And greater still will be the change of the next 45 years.

You will still have your part. May God bless you in it as He has blessed you in the years that are gone.

Yours sincerely

Atkinson, George H.

Columbia, S.C.
Feb. 10th. 44.

Yes/

My Esteemed Friend,

As soon as I saw a copy of "Five Minutes a Day" I secured one and wish you to know, how grateful I am to you daily for it. You have rendered Great Service.

You have been such a blessing in my Life, next to my Noble Parents, and I thank God it has been my Great Privilege to know you.

I am so anxious for my fine son Midshipman Edward Coith Atkinson
2422 Bancroft Hall U.S.N.A.
Annapolis, Md.

to know you.

Won't you kindly in a copy of "Five Minutes a Day" write a forceful Message to him to be "First Loyal to Our Blessed Lord"?

He is such a fine looking fellow, had a beautiful mother (my second wife) who died in Child-birth. In fact he was taken from her. It meant her death, or 2 deaths.

It was a most Tragic occurence, I got there (Danville, Va.) next day.

However - God's Grace - Is + Was sufficient.

My noble sister of Richmond, Va. -
Mrs. Louis Szanto and her husband are going to spend the Week-end Feb. 19th & 20th at Carver Hotel, Annapolis, Md. They are devoted to my son and he to them.

My sister knows you, so while writing the message to my son inside the wonderful little book, mail it to Mrs. Louis Szanto % Carver Hotel, Annapolis, Md. and I will tell her to watch out for it.

I am enclosing postage for mailing also $1.00 for the book which I know he will prize high. After signing your name write "Rockledge" Lakeville, Conn.

Remember me kindly to your noble wife.

Always with deep and abiding gratitude and affection,

George Hannah Atkinson.
Gen. Delivery,
Columbia, S. C.

P. S.

Recently met Rev. Jim Murra of the Advent Christian Church here 1417 Anthony Ave, at the Y.M.C.A. he spoke with such genuine gratitude for all you had meant to him.

Room 524 Y.M.C.A. Cen. Branch, Detroit
May 9th (44)

Dear Friends of many years

Dr. & Mrs. W. T. Ellis made it possible for me to get here yesterday 9.15 a.m. I addressed last night over 1500 negroes at their A.M.E. Zion Conference. I am going to give 3 mths. of my Great Extensive & Intensive Experience to helping "Clinton Col." (negro) Rock Hill, S.C. met A Greater Challenge for Expansion. Am getting men & women of Christian hearts to back Expenses. To give in 2 Payments $50.00. Won't you 2 send a Kind Check to Mr. A. B. Horton ass't Cashier 1st Nat. Bk. Columbia, S.C.? Saying "As Mr. Atkinson is giving his valuable Experience towards helping wisely the Negro Race we wish to Contribute Enclosed towards Expenses of his Campaign." Absolutely For X's Glory.

Yours in His Blessed Service
George Harmah Atkinson.

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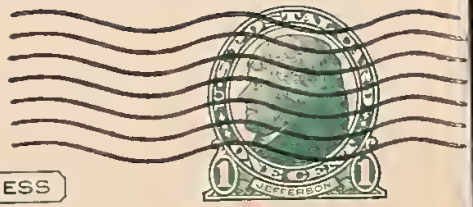

Dr. & Mrs. Robt. E. Speer
Rockledge,
Lakeville,
Conn.

Orthopedic Hos. Columbia, S.C.
U 30 Feb. 27th 44.
My dear Dr. Speer, Acute ar-
-thiritis drove me here but
I hope soon to be out. I am
intensely interested in bldg.
up a good Department in
our Public Library for the
S. S. Teachers. Drs. Chas Erdman
A. W. Blackwood & Clarence
Macartney all I know will
have co-operated. Won't you
kindly donate 2 of your
books to this Effort? Also a
set of Matt. Henry has been
given. I saw the Great
Need and have worked
to meet it. Best of wishes al-
-ways. With Esteem & Gratitude,
Faithfully yours, Geo. H. Atkinson.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,
~~Rockledge~~,
Lakeville, Conn.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

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Mr. A. B. Horton,
To 1st. National Bank,
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Central Y. M. C. A. Detroit. May Thirtieth, 44.

Atkinson, George H.

The Sun Light of God. = Tamassee D. A. R. School

RALPH H. CAIN, SUPERINTENDENT

Tamassee, South Carolina

I spoke here 8 Times Apr. 23rd - 26th.

You and Mrs Speer Must see this Beauty Spot

My dear Esteemed Friend,

"God's Ravens still live", two of them.

Drs. W. T. Ellis & Jos. W. Holley helped me get here to fulfill a previous Engagement before 1900 Members of the A. M. E. Zion Conference May 8th.

I was received most enthusiastically.

The Enclosed copy will tell you of the Great Work I am pushing for one of THE MOST DESERVING Negro schools of the South.

Freely am I putting 51 yrs. of my Tested, Tried Intensive & Extensive Experience behind "The Clinton Normal & Industrial College" to help it meet "The Greater Challege" before it. Rock Hill, S.C.

By the Daily Blessing of The Holy Spirit, I expect to raise $1,650,000 — to secure 300 acres,(2) build over 20 Fire-proof buildings,(3) Secure Cattle, hogs, poultry, Sheep & rabbits.(4) Also an Endowment.

Never have I been so disgusted as recently, I got the son of a Methodist Minister, head of The Duke Power

Electric Ry. Hdq. in Charlotte, to promise to send to my banker Mr. A. B. Horton, ass't cash 1st Nat. Bk, Columbia, S.C. $50.00 May 19th.

Knowing well his mother who graduated under my noble Parents in Our Charlotte College, I asked him kindly to advance the check. I was pressed at the time. He then wrote me, the sorriest letter I ever received "I am not interested in helping the Negro. You can get this from some sentimentalist Northerner." Well thank God! he does not represent the "True Southern People", which I am proud to say "I do."

But I see it is from genuine Christian Men & Women I must depend on, to stand back of me now.

Therefore please write Mr. A. B. Horton in the enclosed Envelope "Knowing Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson for years his Ideals and Ruling Motives - His now doing a Great piece of Christian far-reaching work for a most worthy Negro College, meet "a Greater Challege" for service, he must win and I believe he will, as he knows where his strength comes from, also "Knows the Ropes" in many large Cities. Enclose find $10.00 and I will for next Eleven months unite with 40 others in sending you $10.00 a month towards Campaign Expenses."

Absolutely only one Purpose & Aim "The Glory of Christ."

Wish you and Mrs. Speer a beautiful, blessed summer.

Always with Highest Esteem & Sincere affection.

George Haunch Atkinson
Y. Central Y. M. C. A. Detroit.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt D.D.
Charleston, S. C.

I am heartily in sympathy with my dearly beloved friend, the Reverend George H. Atkinson, in his labors, for they are always expended in the Master's Name, and for His Glory. What appeals to him in this regard appeals to me, and I wish for him every encouragement and success.

He is one of the most untiring workers for the Good & and True ~~that~~ I know of.

I have known him for many years, and I most heartily commend him to one and all.

(Signed) Alexander Sprunt
The Late Pastor Emeritus
First Presbyterian Church

Charleston, S.C.
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Rock Hill, South Carolina.

May 12, 1944.

James W. Shaw. President.

To whom it may concern!

The Rev. George Hannah Atkinson, Columbia, S.C. a Southern Presbyterian Minister of Most Extensive and Intensive Experience Made Our Founders' Day Address Apr. 10th. 44. So impressed was he with the Great Challege of Clinton Normal & Industrial College that at once he interested White friends in Rock Hill with "A Great Vision" of this Institution (1). Moving Out, (2) Having a Farm, (3). New Fireproof Buildings (4). and (5) Serving the Negro Race among the Leading Institutions of the American Continent. Without Compensation, he has given his Valuable time, "All for the Glory of God. Absolutely no other Motive."

The Rev. Mr. Atkinson comes of the leading families in Va. N.C. & S.C. He has all authority to interest Men and women of Means in Our Institution for Larger Service to the Negro Race for "The Glory of God."

Jas. W. Eichelberger. Sec. & Treas.
Board of Christian Education

Jas. W. Shaw.
President.

Atkinson, H.

Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

January 24, 1947

Dear Dr. Atkinson:

In reflecting on the discussions yesterday at the meeting of the Church Peace Union Trustees some suggestions occurred to me which you might do well to consider.

1. Are not some of the difficulties described by Dr. Dexter, and some other difficulties, due to the ambiguity of the phrase "through the Churches"? Does the phrase mean "the denominational organizations" or simply "the people of the churches"? Certainly not the former. The "World Alliance" has always disavowed this and declared its full independence and autonomy and yet at times statements have been made and relations have been assumed that were confusing. The second meaning, when clearly apprehended avoids all this and preserves the independence of the Alliance. The matter would have been clear and would be clear now and could avoid all conflict and confusion with the World Council of Churches and with national Councils, if the title of the World Alliance were "The (or "A") World Alliance of people (or "men and women") of the Churches for International Friendship."

2. But what are "the Churches?" In the "Church Peace Union" "Church" is construed to include Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews. In the World Alliance it means Christians only, as stated explicitly in the Principles adopted by the Alliance at the Hague on October 4, 1919; and as a matter of fact, because of the non-participation of Roman Catholics in the Alliance, it has meant Protestant Christians alone. And yet at times this also has been confused.

3. As I understood Dr. Dexter's proposal it was to reorganize the World Alliance in Europe not on its old basis of Protestant Christians but on the inclusive basis of the Church Peace Union itself to include Roman Catholics and Jews. This would seem to have been Father Ford's suggestion also. How far Roman Catholics and Protestants as individual Christians (obviously, as Father Ford said, not as Churches officially) would join an Alliance on this basis would remain to be seen. I think Professor Trueblood is right in his regard that in the Protestant Churches there is at present a strong feeling that the only sound basis for peace is a still more evangelical conviction and experience and that the Church Peace Union basis is too thin and tenuous. And on the Roman Catholic side there is a robust sense of conscience and church duty. On both sides, as Dr. Dexter reported for Great Britain and Scandinavia, there would be those (and of course the officials and probably the strongest leaders) who would believe that the ends sought can be better obtained through full church agencies both as the World Council of the Churches on one side and the Roman Catholic Church as such on the other.

4. Dr. Dexter suggested "the broadening of the base and the narrowing of the aims". The Hague Statement of Principles to which I referred, would seem to include pretty much the whole Christian program for the individual and for society and if operated upon would make the Alliance duplicative of the Church itself. If its purpose is as defined at Prague in 1928 it goes far beyond the item of promoting international friendship. I wonder what is the narrower aim which Dr. Dexter has in mind which could be better served by the Alliance in its broadened base than by the direct agencies of the Churches.

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5. A still broader base might be conceived, namely of all men and women of good will and world-mindedness irrespective of their church relationship, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish, for the promotion of peace. But the basis of such an alliance would be still more thin and tenuous. It would be duplicative of other agencies and its aim would lack definiteness and distinction.

6. What the present World Alliance may decide as to its future character in Europe is primarily its business, not the business of the Church Peace Union, but the situation is confusing because of inter-locking personnel. If it decides to broaden its basis to include Roman Catholics and Jews, then what reason has it for existence apart from the Church Peace Union ? Why would not the Church Peace Union act in its own name and spend its own funds ?

7. Many of these problems and others, perhaps more grave, are ahead of you in connection with your plan for a "World Congress of Religion". Your statement of it in your report to the Trustees speaks not only of "religion" but of "the world's leading religions" and by "men and women representative of great areas of opinion within their nations", apparently outside of the area of religion. There is room for great confusion here. Doubtless you do not contemplate a conference of "the world's religions". The religions can't confer. Their representatives can confer. But what are "representatives"? Are they to be chosen or self-chosen? If chosen, by whom? You say those will be invited who accept your statements, on a belief, on a desire, on a fear, and on a willingness. In interpreting and applying these you are in for a world of difficulties. The whole idea of such a congress is beset with difficulties - especially the danger of confusing fiction and reality, as is seen by the past approaches of the Church Peace Union in this field.

8. My own judgment is that the Church Peace Union will be wise to continue its work in its own proper field among Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews throughout the world. Here then is a solid basis of unity in the Judea-Christian tradition, in a common faith in a Personal Father God, and in a great body of individuals of common temper and character.

Yours cordially,

(Signed) Robert E. Speer

P.S. I have no stenographer now and I should be grateful if you could have copies of this letter made for Dr. Merrill and myself.

R.E.S.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
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My dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your thoughtful and interesting letter which came to hand yesterday. I am enclosing a copy of the letter for your files and also mailing Dr. Merrill a copy together with a copy of this letter to you.

In your first paragraph you call attention to one of the real issues we have had to face year after year in the work of the Alliance - that is the interpretation of the words "through the churches". In 1914, when the Alliance was organized, there was practically no contact between the churches on an interdenominational international basis. There were some denominational contacts, but these were all interested in the work of the church as such. The Church Peace Union was the first organization founded for the specific purpose of working out ways and means to promote good will among the nations and the establishment of peace "through the Churches". There was no attempt made either by the Church Peace Union or the World Alliance at that time to speak for the Churches or to claim any authority beyond that of the good sense of the statements they made. In fact the first name of the Alliance was - World Alliance for the promotion of International Friendship Through the Churches. This was a very cumbersome title and was shortened by dropping the words "for promotion of". We have never claimed to be working for "International Friendship <u>by</u> the Churches".

I think this question of authority has been greatly overworked. The Federal Council has only very limited authority to speak for the Protestant Churches of America. Any action on its part has to be submitted to the churches, and on vital issues that really count, the churches have many times repudiated the position of the Federal Council or its agencies. The same applies to the World Council of Churches. A leading Methodist Bishop who has just returned from a trip abroad is greatly disturbed by a statement of an official of the Council to the effect that "the voice and resolutions of the individual churches are of less significance than statements of the World Council". If a World Council statement has more sense in it and appeals to more people, it would have more authority, and the same would apply to a statement by any denomination.

The Pope issues statements that are authoritative for the Catholic world, but even if he does claim to be the Viceroy of God, his authority is limited by the exigencies of the time at which his statements are made. The encyclicals which deal with questions of natural law and with economic and political matters are not spun from his brain nor issued as inspired statements of the Pope, but are drawn up through consultation with his closest advisers.

This whole matter of authority is one that we have tried vigorously to avoid. I know of no single instance where either the Church Peace Union or the World Alliance has pretended to have more authority than the group of individuals who have been responsible at the time for a statement or action. We certainly have never been bound by any ecclesiastical authority. This of course does not answer your question, nor does it lessen the gravity of the dilemma in which the International Committee of the World Alliance now finds itself.

A number of the European councils changed the basis of their membership, so that they are officially representative of the churches. For instance, in England the Council is definitely set up by the British section of the World Council of Churches and in this sense is an ecclesiastical organization. The same is true in the Scandinavian countries, in Belgium and was not true in Germany. It is only partially true in Switzerland which has a rather hybrid form of organization, partly official, partly unofficial. In France the old set-up was much like Switzerland. The new French Council is almost the same as ours here in the United States and has no official relation to the churches or church organizations.

As a matter of fact, there is very little left of these councils. The Protestant Churches are woefully weak on the Continent with the exception of Scandinavia. Most of the members of the World Alliance now serving have been members of the International Committee from the first years of its existence. Whatever decisions are made next summer, we will need to make a complete reorganization of the whole work.

One other question in your letter is in regard to Dexter's phrase, "narrowing our aim". What he meant was that the Alliance should limit itself to a program for the establishment of friendly relations between the nations and support of the United Nations in its plans for world peace.

When the Church Peace Union and World Alliance were the only organizations in the field, we had to give a great deal of attention to technical church affairs. The trouble is, the theologians and those who sympathize with their point of view, always sidetracked us by raising fundamental difficulties. For instance, there was appointed a committee of theologians of which Professor Deissman was chairman. The committee was directed to make a study of the part religion should play, particularly the churches, in mediating differences of opinion between the nations.

This directive was interpreted by the theologian's Committee as, "what is the limit of the churches' responsibility in face of threatened war?" The story of their work might very well make the plot for a comic opera. The first venture was to use the money appropriated for Dr. Deissman to call together his group, I believe at Neufchatel,Switzerland, where they spent nearly two weeks discussing the problem of Paul's letter to the Ephesians in relation to world friendship. They got into a terrific snarl and as far as I know the Alliance never did get a report of their conclusions, simply because they never got beyond the critical study of the document before them. It was said by some of those who were present that the whole time was spent on disputed questions of authorship and interpretations. The money was wasted except insofar as the theologians did demonstrate that their approach to present day problems is,at best, the worst possible.

A study of the minutes of the Alliance shows that its most effective work was done when the committees, free from church control but with due respect to common theological considerations, brought in realistic proposals as a basis of our discussion of ways and means to make them effective in our various countries.

Dexter did not mean to minimize the values of theological studies, the influence of the church as an institution, nor the kind of advice that Bishop Berggrav frequently gave regarding our dependence upon Divine Will. He wants us to narrow our interest and work exclusively for world friendship, and valuable as may be all these other things, leave those discussions to the churches who are now organized to care for them. My experience through these years affirms my belief that he is right.

Thanking you again for your letter and with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Henry A. Atkinson

General Secretary.

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ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Feb. 17. 47

Dear Dr. Atkinson,

I see from the World Alliance News Letter for February that you are proceeding with the idea of a pan-religion conference. Years ago the Church Peace Union first broached the idea & dissented and as a member of the Board of Trustees I must register my dissent now. I recognized at the last meeting that any discussion was futile and any argument now would be wasted but I cannot forbear expressing my judgment that you are starting out on a false track.

Yours cordially

Roland H. Spear

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March 14, 1947

To the Board of Trustees
of The Church Peace Union;

Greetings:

Last Tuesday afternoon I met in Chicago with three of our Trustees, Dean Gilkey, Rabbi Mann, and Dr. Pennington, and for about an hour and a half we discussed two issues that are of paramount and immediate importance to our Trustees.

1) We agreed that it would be wise to suggest to the Emergency Executive Committee of the International World Alliance that the meeting of the whole committee proposed to be held in August, 1947, be postponed. This judgment has been confirmed by conference with Dr. Sockman and Bishop Oldham. We, therefore, sent the following cable to Dr, and Mrs. Dexter, our representatives in Geneva:

> "In view new uncertainty in Europe, general need cooperative action, caution and wisdom, suggest proposed August meeting International Alliance be postponed and work continued under direction emergency committee and officers elected at Tring without further consideration at present changed base or constitution Stop Letter from Alivisatos March fifth confirms our judgment. Letter follows."

I am sure that you will agree to this arrangement. Nothing could be gained now by changing the base and adopting a new constitution. The work can be carried on by the staff and through the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Dexter. The World Alliance is cooperating with the Oslo Youth Conference. There is nothing that such an international meeting could do to help right now that would justify the expenditures necessary.

2) We discussed the question of our attitude toward the proposal that is in the significant and history-making speech made by President Truman. We all agreed that we would urge the people of our country to support the fullest possible help in feeding the hungry and aiding the Greek people, as well as the people of other nations, to reestablish their economic and social life. But we are equally con-

cerned lest we tie up our work of relief with the political and military forces of Greece, or of any other country -- which would be a risky experiment and one that might lead to war and the utter destruction of what is left of our civilization. What do you think about this question?

Our Executive Committee is to meet next Thursday, March 20. At that time we propose to make this second issue the principle topic of discussion. Dr. Sockman, Bishop Oldham, and Dr. Merrill all agree that we should take some action which should be constructive and not simply critical; and that we express our convictions in such a way that it will help to clarify rather than complicate these extremely delicate and far-reaching issues.

In behalf of Dr. Sockman and other Trustees with whom I talked, I am writing to suggest that you send to me a succinct and strong statement, expressing your opinion on this issue. It has been suggested that we make a short statement of our position and then put in six or eight questions directed to our State Department asking for clarification. For instance, we might ask questions as follows:

1. "Why have we determined in this fashion and by uni-lateral action on the part of our own Government that our security rests on the control of the Dardanelles by our Government and its armed forces?"

2. "If we go ahead with the plan, as it has been suggested, will this not wreck the possibility of establishing the "one world" concept of our responsibility as well as our security?"

3. "Will not this action suggested by the President, if accepted by the American people, destroy the validity of the agreements made regarding the work of the Security Council of the United Nations?"

These proposed questions simply indicate the kind of statement and questions we believe ought to be made at this time.

Will you please send me <u>by return mail</u> such suggestions as you may have, and if you can put your suggestions in the form of questions that can be used it will greatly help us in arranging the agenda for this important meeting of our Executive Committee on <u>next Thursday, March 20</u>.

I am enclosing herewith a stamped, return envelope.

Awaiting your reply and with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Henry A. Atkinson

General Secretary

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August 16, 1946 Sg

Rev. Robert B. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut

August 16, 1946

Dear Robert:

This Department of Evangelism and the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life of the Congregational Church is planning to get out a devotional booklet for use from Easter to Pentecost. We have named this devotional booklet "The Fellowship of the Spirit." It will be similar to "The Fellowship of Prayer" used in the Lenten period.

Our present thinking is that this booklet for use during the Easter to Pentecost period should contain about 56 pages, 6 of these pages to be given to an interpretation of the Pentecost season, the birthday of the church, etc., 50 of the pages to be used for the devotional material. It is in our minds also to have one daily devotion to each page. This means about 250 words per page.

It is also our present intention to issue 150,000 to 200,000 for the first edition. We have never attempted a booklet for the Easter to Pentecost period before.

We are turning to you to write this initial edition for this first year (1947). We are prepared to offer you an honorarium of $200 for your services. We would like to have the manuscript sometime between January 1 and January 15, 1947.

The Committee is most unanimous in asking you to undertake this task. I would like to add my own personal word urging that you do this if at all possible.

I trust you are having a pleasant and a very restful summer.

Best wishes and God bless you.

Cordially yours,

Jesse

Executive Secretary

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February 28, 1947.

Dear Robert:

The new booklet "The Fellowship of the Spirit" will be off press on March 6. I'll send you one of the first copies.

It is a great job you have done for us. Your statement on Pentecost is one of the best I have ever seen. The entire fifty devotions are rich in content and superb in exegesis.

Dr. Cavert has seen the galley proof. He is most enthusiastic over what you have done.

We are sending the booklet out to about 8,000 pastors with a covering letter and an order blank.

Thank you very much for the fine work you have done for us.

Best wishes and God bless you.

Yours cordially,

Jesse

Executive Secretary.

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Green Gables
Easton, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Spear:-

We will be very glad to have you in our home over the week end of Oct 17th.

Easton is a hard place to reach from Philadelphia as your train comes through Trenton. Almost easier by Bus.

Bethlehem is easier and it is only about a mile further from our home.

We can meet you any place and time you say.

Mail is a little slow here and if you should want to

change your plans at the last minute and we are not at station call Easton 2-2112 and it will only take about 20 minutes for us to get in

Sorry we are not going to have the pleasure of having Mrs Spur, but hope we may have you both at a later date

Sincerely
Carrie H. Bailey.

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Bailey, J. W.

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November 12, 1946

Rev. Robert E. Speer, Ph.D., D.D.
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

As I mentioned to you during our conversation in Berkeley this last week, you have been a living personality to me for about fifty years. Our ways have not crossed frequently, but I have kept in touch with your work through these years. Not very many men could have done what you did on the occasion of your last address before the Evangelical Fellowship in Berkeley on last Friday. I do not know whether there is another one at all who could have done what you did. I came home and told my wife about it, and she was thrilled with me. What one has lived for makes him, and to hear you makes it easy for one to know what purposes have dominated your life.

I trust I am not unduly personal in this. It is the expression of a deep and grateful surge of my heart.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

JWBailey

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5th December 1944

Dear Dr. Speer,

I write to ask whether there is still obtainable a copy of -

(i) "The Memorials of Hugh McAllister Beaver"
(ii) "Young Men who Overcame"

In addition to my work as Editorial Secretary of the China Inland Mission in this country, I have editorial responsibilities in connection with a Christian student organisation, and I have often wished I could put into the hands of the travelling secretaries either one or both of these two books. I once asked a certain student worker in Australia what book had most influenced his life, and he named the life of Hugh Beaver.

Some time ago I was in conversation with Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, and they referred most warmly to yourself. Perhaps you would like to know that Mrs. Taylor, now over 80 years of age, has written what will be her last major missionary biography, the biography of Fraser of Lisu-land, South-West China. Only a few days ago, she had a stroke, but is now rallying somewhat.

Allow me in closing to express my deep personal sense of indebtedness to you for your books, a few of which I have been privileged to read.

Yours most sincerely,

Norman Baker

Dr. Robert E. Speer.

Bakk, Loleta

Forest City, Ia.
July 8, 1944

Dr Robert E. Speer
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

Not long ago I saw several lovely things which I thought you might wish to pass on to others.

1. A Girls Fire at the close of each church service sings the song "Have Thine Own Way Lord" a capella. It is very effective and creates a very spiritual effect. It is sung from the back of the church

or in the gallery.
2. The birthdays of those in the service are listed in the bulletin a week or two in advance. Those in the congregation are urged to write to them and send them birthday cards whether they know them or not.
3. The Minister's Mail Bag is made up of letters which those in the service write to their minister. It is made up of one or two mimeographed sheets and is given to members of congregation and also sent to those in the service once a week. Those in the congregation are urged to send cards and letters to those whose names are listed in the Mail bag.
Wouldn't it be wonderful if the song "Have Thine Own Way Lord" could be made the theme song for all denominations and would be constantly used at all adult and youth meetings

Wouldn't it be wonderful if in each hospital, aged home or other institution a nurse, this would begin and end the day with the song "Hath Thine Own Way Lord"

You have so many, many contacts, and perhaps you will through your church new papers or other ways pass on these ideas to others. They could probably be mimeographed or multigraphed and thus sent out to many folks.

I have passed them on to a number of folks, and I wish you could see some of the letters that I have received

Sincerely,
Loleta Bakk

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April 30, 1947

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Salisbury,
Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

I hasten to write you in regard to the rich blessing you brought to me personally and to the men of our Presbytery in our conference which has just closed at Dansville. We do indeed thank God for you and for this rich ministry in which you share yourself and experiences and faith with us.

I am particularly happy that this should come following the terrific pressures of the pre-Easter season, and at a time when ministers are considering their summer plans and ministry for the fall. Your messages and fellowship will not fail to abide and bear fruit.

May God richly bless you as you continue in the inspiration you bring to others.

Sincerely yours,

Harold H. Baldwin

Harold H. Baldwin,
Presbytery Executive

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TALCOTT MINER BANKS
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APR 5 1946

Dear Robert -

I am glad to have your friendly letter. I feel quite sad to have been the instigator of calling off the hoped for reunion next June of our good class of '86, but I had to admit that I was not physically "up to" planning for, or attending such a meeting, and wrote Yardley to that effect. He then wrote to Crosby, Dovey, Strong and yourself and found that we could not get together this year the fine ground we had in 1941, so thought best to let our 60th anniversary go by. For me it is a disappointment, as I have greatly enjoyed my association with the dignified and friendly group

I met at our reunions, and wished they might go on forever.

The last few years have slowed me down a good deal, but I have picked up well, and expect to be "on deck" for a good while yet.

So here's my annual appeal for the Andover Alumni Fund, to which you have been a contributor. Let me hear from you.

Affectionately
Talcott

TALCOTT MINER BANKS
WILLIAMSTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS

APR 2 0 1946

Dear Robert.

Thank you for your good letter with enclosure for the Alumni Fund, which latter I have sent along to the school.

I cannot but regret the necessity for giving up our 60th anniversary of '86. We couldn't get the old crowd together this year, and a reunion that we feel would be worse than none at all. I have enjoyed the privilege of association with the dignified and friendly group who attended our gatherings, and hope I shall see some of them again. I gave up my car a year ago so I can't come and see you, but if you can come and see me, I'll be glad.

Affectionately
Talcott

TALCOTT MINER BANKS
WILLIAMSTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS

JUN 1 1946

Dear Robert.

Here's a question for you from a sometime member of our Andover class, whom I remember vaguely, and who has now made himself known to me for the first time in 60 years. I always sent him my literature in behalf of the Alumni Fund, but never got a peep out of him before this, when he "comes across" most generously.

At your Dad's suggestion, I have appointed three members of '86 who live in or near Andover to act as our official representatives at the coming anniversary. The Alumni Secretary writes me that they will be given proper recognition.

Affectionately, J M Banks

TALCOTT MINER BANKS
WILLIAMSTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS

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Dear Robert –

By the same mail which brought me your letter, with its enclosure for the Andover Alumni Fund, I received a similar epistle from John Strong of Colorado Springs. It was indeed delightful to hear from two of my oldest and best friends on the same day. I have not been in Englewood since the 75th anniversary of the Presbyterian church there, which I joined when I was a boy. As you say, there are not many of the "old timers" left in the town. I lately saw Dorothy Scarborough here, and she spoke of meeting you on the train. I know her two fine sons very well.

Affectionately
Talcott

Barbour, Wm. R.

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158 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10

August 3, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you so much for your letter of July 26. Any manuscript which is of interest to you is of interest to us. Do send us the manuscript by Dr. Adelaide Woodard,- and you may be assured it will be given our prompt and earnest attention.

Of course we are all facing unbelievably difficult production problems, especially in the matter of paper. The tremendous demand for religious books during the last few years has meant that we have used more than two-thirds of our paper quota already for this year: and I am glad to report to you - in confidence - that we have just completed the best year of sales and profit that we have had since some time before the passing of Mr. Revell. Every publisher is limited to 75% of the paper which he printed in 1942,- and that was not a particularly good year in the religious field.

Mrs. Barbour and I greatly enjoyed listening to the address of your daughter at Northfield, and felt that we were very fortunate to be able to be there that evening. She has a real message and I am sure you must be very proud of her.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy each of our publication lists covering 1943 and 1944, and with our compliments are including in the package a copy of THE REVOLT AGAINST GOD by Dr. Weaver. I saw him yesterday in Washington, and he tells me that his book is the result of a great many years of study. If you feel that it merits a word of comment I would appreciate hearing from you.

While writing I do wish to add that our son, William R. Barbour, Jr., received his discharge from the army yesterday after serving with the Eighth Air Force in England, as a Flight-Officer and Co-Pilot of a Flying Fortress. Three months ago he had a difficult mission, and he is gradually recovering from the effects of it.

With best wishes always,

Most cordially yours,

William R. Barbour

William R. Barbour

President
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

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September 27, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Many, many thanks for your having brought to our attention the manuscript by Dr. Adelaide Woodard, MISSAHIBA. The enclosed copy of letter to Dr. Woodard will explain itself.

When you are in the city and have a free luncheon time I do wish you would let me know in advance for I would be very glad to go over quite a number of matters with you which are of mutual interest. Also, I am sure you will be greatly interested to see the recollections which we have received from quite a number, regarding Mr. Revell.

In the meantime, under separate cover we are sending you announcement of our latest publications, together a copy of THE REVOLT AGAINST GOD by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver.

With every good wish, we are

Most cordially uours,

William R. Barbour

William R. Barbour

President
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P. S. I find Dr. Weaver's volume is out of stock at present, but we are expecting a new supply from our binder in about a week.
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Enclosure -

August 25th, 1944

Regarding: William R. Barbour Jr.

After serving as Flight Officer and co-pilot of a Flying Fortress with the Eighth Airforce in England, Bill returned to Washington by plane July 3rd, and was honorably discharged from the Army. Today he was employed by the United Airline at LaGuardia Field, and is living at 146 Waverly Place, New York, N. Y.

W.R.B.

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September 27, 1944

Adelaide Woodard, M. D.,
416 Summit Avenue North,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Dr. Woodard:

Your manuscript, DR. MISSAHIBA, has been read with keen interest by several of our associates, and as one of our editors has reported, "though it has all the restraints which modesty could impose it is yet a remarkable story of a valiant woman's work under incredible hardship". You have unique powers of observation and we are definitely interested in the publication of this manuscript.

A copy of this letter is being sent to our good friend, Dr. Robert E. Speer who brought the matter to our attention: and we shall soon write you more in detail.

In the meantime we are facing unbelievably difficult production problems, and with the uncertainty as to the amount of paper which we shall have available during 1945 within our quota, it is impossible for us to report when we could add this proposed book to our list of forthcoming volumes.

In the meantime, with your approval I hope, we are forwarding the manuscript to the Editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD for it might be that he would wish to use some of the chapters in advance of our publication of the volume, and of course this would help us in the promotion of the book later on.

We would appreciate your sending us responses to the enclosed questionnaire, keeping in mind that we photostat these sheets for our salesmen's use.

Formal contract will follow within a short time. It is very important to evolve the best possible title, and one of our experienced associates has suggested INDIA MEDICO for your volume.

It will be encouraging to you - as it is a great satisfaction to us, to report to you that every one of our editorial associates who read this manuscript has enthusiastically recommended it for publication. You have worked so hard in preparing this work that I am taking the liberty of enclosing a confidential report from one of our most experienced readers: and this will confirm what I have written above.

With every good wish, and awaiting your response with interest, we are

Sincerely yours,

FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY

William R. Barbour

President

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January 22, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Over the week-end I took home your manuscript, THE GOOD NEWS OF THE SON OF GOD: and I do not know ahy better way to express our opinion of it than to enclose an informal report by one of our associates who is very experienced and feels this manuscript is a significant one and undoubtedly should be published.

We shall send you a contract for its publication very soon, but are not able to report definitely just when we can have it available in book form, for today we have learned that there will be a further cut in the paper quota for this year; and this means that all of us most give daily consideration and reconsideration to new publications, and especially to the reprinting of our older books.

The titles mentioned below seem to us to be somewhat more suitable, but we have ample time to advise with you about this very important matter.

With personal good wishes, we are

Cordially yours,

FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY

William R. Barbour

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President

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January 25, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

We are so glad to learn that you are getting on finely, and we shall think of you at Lakeville rather than at the Pavilion. The contract for your new volume will be sent you early next week.

It is with regret that we learn of the passing of Dr. Woodard. I have written to the Executor of the Estate suggesting that the contract be returned to us for it had not been signed by her. We then shall give reconsideration to the entire proposal of publication, especially related to the time when the volume could be issued.

You may be assured that we are most happy to have this manuscript which you have sent us under the title THE GOOD NEWS OF THE SON OF GOD.

With every good wish for your complete recovery, we are

Most cordially yours,

William R. Barbour

President
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
C/o Harkness Pavilion,
180 Fort Washington Avenue,
New York 32, N. Y.

P. S. Thank you for permitting us to see the letter from Dr. McConkey of Seattle: it is returned herewith.

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February 21, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

We are so glad to know that you are gaining in strength. One of our mutual friends told me that you had read eight books recently so I am sure you must be quite yourself again.

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing contract, in duplicate, for the publication of your important volume which we have tentatively called THE GOOD NEWS OF THE SON OF GOD. Kindly look this over, and if found quite in order, will you sign both copies, and when you have your name witnessed, return one copy to us for our files. A little later I shall want to take up with you the matter of title, but I am anxious to get the contract to you promptly, and to send you our best wishes.

While writing I am enclosing certain publicity which we have received in connection with our Seventy-fifth Anniversary and also the latest Lenten list - this time prepared by Dr. Peale.

At the moment we are studying the WPB regulations to see what further volumes we can publish this year and what new editions of older books can be issued within our quota.

A few days ago, after we had received your manuscript, we had one from Dr. Stone, this being his lectures on Evangelism. We are very glad to have your volume and his on the same list, for they will supplement each other and both will be recognized as distinctive in their fields.

With every good wish, we are

Most cordially yours,

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William R. Barbour

President

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

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May 11, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your letter of May 4. We appreciate your list of suggested titles for your forthcoming volume, and shall keep these in mind. We shall write you more definitely a little later.

In the meantime we have ordered the books requested.

A good friend of mine and a graduate of Wesleyan, is at Lakeville after having suffered a stroke and having been a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn.

His name is Carl F. Price: and I am sure he would appreciate your calling on him. He writes,"Loving friends, the Snells, are helping me in my convalescence".

He is keenly interested in hymnology and his vocation is insurance.

If you have any difficulty in locating him with the above information at hand, please let me know.

With cordial greetings, we are

Sincerely yours,

William R. Barbour

President
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

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August 24, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am sure you will be interested to know that our compositor is preparing a sample page for

JESUS AND OUR HUMAN PROBLEMS

and very soon I shall know the number of pages the volume will contain. We selected this title as in our opinion the best one in the list which you so graciously sent to us.

Our usual custom in connection with quotations from the Scriptures is to follow the Scriptures as far as capitalization is concerned. I note that in some instances you had capitalized certain references to the Deity, but our editor has lower-cased these.

Please let us know whether you are planning to be at Lakeville when the proofs are ready - which I assume will be about the middle of September, at which time we shall send you the entire proof at one time.

With every good wish, we are

Cordially yours,

William R. Barbour

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November 29, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your letter just received. In the same mail, the galley proofs and manuscript have just been received from our compositor, and these are being sent to you today by parcel-post. It will be necessary to eliminate the halftitle page in the front to keep the volume within 192 pages. When returning the galley proofs, please also return the manuscript of JESUS AND OUR HUMAN RELATIONS.

Mrs. Barbour and I spent a most interesting week-end at Mount Hermon and Northfield recently. Our son Hugh is beginning his work there, and we are enjoying seeing him and also renewing old acquaintances.

Ambert Moody passed away in Amherst the day we were there, even as I am sure you saw in the paper. He had been quite well, and was driving his car when he was taken ill, and Mrs. Moody turned off the switch so there was no accident. He passed away in his college hospital two days later.

Enclosed is reference to the Bible which my mother gave me 45 years ago when I left home for Mount Hermon. Some day when you are in the vicinity stop in, and I will show it to you, and this will be one way for me to have a little bait for you to come in and have lunch with me.

Sincerely yours,

Wm R Barbour

William R. Barbour

WRB.MS

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December 5, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you very much for the prompt return of the galley proofs and manuscript of JESUS AND OUR HUMAN PROBLEMS. We are following your suggestion and using the above title. This seems to us better than "News From God, and our sales associates are convinced that they can promote the title mentioned above to advantage.

The bo ok as marked off makes even six forms, 192 pages with the elimination of the halftitle in the front of the book. Do you feel that an index is so essential for us to go to the extra expense of setting up, printing and binding an extra form of four or eight pages?

Thank you very much for advising us that you will be at Mount HermonDecember 16. I am advising our son Hugh, and hope that he will speak to you after the service. This is the first year he is going to school there, and while he finds it somewhat difficult to adjust himself to the routine, I know that he is happy there, and Mrs. Barbour and I were so glad to be in the neighborhood and at Mount Hermon for a week-end recently.

Sincerely yours,

William R. Barbour

William R. Barbour

WRB.MS

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May 13, 1946

Dear Dr. Speer:

As you very graciously brought to our attention originally, the Woodard manuscript, DR. MISSAHIBA, I am taking the liberty of sending to you the complete correspondence to date.

The decease of the author and the shortage of paper combined to prevent our publishing the volume: and our problem now is whether it is possible for us to publish it in part or whether you feel it is essential for us to publish the entire manuscript.

I am sorry to bother you about this matter but would appreciate your advice.

With every good wish, we are

Sincerely your,

William R. Barbour

President
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

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May 27, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

We will not have the second binding from the first edition of JESUS AnD OUR HUMAN PROBLEMS for several weeks, but we will see that five copies are sent you just as soon as ready.

We printed 2000 copies and brought in 1000 copies from our bindery. Production problems are increasing rather than decreasing.

We are glad that the book is being well received, and we will try and keep stock available.

Sincerely yours,

FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY

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William R. Barbour

WRB.MS

Barnes, Dora M.

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Have you been to see the Baby,
With His downy little head,
Gently held in arms of Lady -
Sleeping in His manger bed?

Did He open wide His blue eyes,
Stretch His little legs and arms?
Did you listen to His few cries,
Safely kept from all earth's harms?

Did you give to Him your homage,
Promise to be always true,
Gladly yield you to the bondage
Of love's service fully due?

Let us go again to see Him,
Loveliest sight in all the earth.
Though all else may seem or be dim
Light surrounds the
Christ Child's birth.

To my honored friends,
Mr. and Mrs. Speer:
It gives me pleasure to send
the Survey to bring you, I hope,
reports of a better world, before
the year is done.
With appreciation and happy wishes,
Sincerely,
Dora M. Barnes

Dora Magdalene Barnes

41 W 73, N.Y. 23 N.Y.

Barnes, Dora M.

n.d.

Good Rec'd

41 West 73d Street
New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Speer:

This Christmas I am giving myself the pleasure of continuing your subscription to The Seervey Graphic. I hope it will continue to bring to you interest and value, as it certainly will bring to you my continued gratitude and loving good wishes.

I have been led into what seems sometimes to be a very curious situation in which to find myself, but I do believe I have been led very definitely into it. I am the secretary of the United Spiritualist Church in New York, while I maintain my membership, with the understanding and approval of the Pastor, Mr. Hoskins

in the United Congregational Church of Bridgeport, Conn. (Mr. Hoskins is Pastor in Bridgeport, Mr. Hogue, in Newyork.)

I am kept very, very busy, with eleven services a week, including regular Sunday morning worship and teaching service.

The reason I am so sure that I am here for a reason is because it seems that in some way the meaning Christ has for me has focused or precipitated or maybe clarified the Pastor-Medium's loyalty to Him so that this Spiritualist Church is a real church, definitely Christian.

In the past year it has progressed from being a "church" in name to being a real Church in fact, in organization and activities.

Of course, I believe there should not be a Spiritualist Church, but as long as the other churches refuse to recognize the significance of the experiences of those who investigate in this field, there will be. I am happy that I can have a part in making the strongest Spiritualist Church in Newyork City definitely, outspokenly loyal to Christ.

May your joy in His companioning grow ever deeper and deeper. Yours in the joy of Christmas,

Nora M. Barnes

Barnes, Dora M.
41 West 73d Street,
New York 23, N.Y.

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January 1, 1947.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Speer!

How it ever happened that I failed to write you my Christmas greetings I just cannot imagine, though, notwithstanding many thoughts of you, I cannot remember writing. The Secretary will be telling you through the year of my affectionate appreciation, but I do not want to forego the loving license of the Christmas time to emphasize it.

All these many years I have been a member of the Congregational Church, whose independence of thought coupled with cooperation in action just suits my own temperament. But last December I became a member of the "Old Spring Street" Presbyterian Church, where, since the middle of October, I have been "Church Visitor." The situation is peculiar, because the Pastor, Mr. Hintz, is full-time Professor of English (I stuttered on that "f" — one is enough!) and also Associate Dean in Brooklyn College. He preaches Sunday morning and gives a "Little Lecture" Wednesday evening, and except for attendance at occasional special

gathering, that is all. He will call on any very rich member. The rest of it seems to be my job. Last spring they had a door-bell to door-bell survey of the district just north of the church, and eliminating the Roman Catholics, Jews and Italians, and those actively associated with some other church, I have 492 carded addresses of those who perhaps may be potential Spring Street people.

I consider myself in the most fortunate possible position, to be privileged to go out under so disarming auspices to meet people and invite them to come with us and stand up to be counted for Jesus Christ. It is a thrilling privilege. I have not been able to count definite results as yet, but am by no means discouraged, and feel myself just about ready to really start.

The Church has had no Sunday School or Young Peoples' work - only three "Young People" were mentioned to me when I inquired about possibilities. But a Westminster Fellowship group numbering eight is getting organized, and I think we shall find children for a beginning of a Sunday School. Don't you think I have a right to be

exultant? – with such an opportunity?

I know how very many are the demands upon your time and your interest, but if now and then it should be possible for you to remember this situation in your prayers, I feel you would be helping in what should be a valuable demonstration of a practical approach to the problem of the "unchurched." I need to be guided and to be guidable.

Some of my experiences have been interesting. The mother of a bright three and a half year old daughter and month old twin boys assured me that she had no interest in the church (she from Alabama!) and her husband is antagonistic to it. Of course it was easy to establish friendly relations, with three little ones on hand, and before I left, invited to come in often, the mother said: "I'll tell you one thing that would bring me to your church." – "?" – "A nursery school." That night I happened to report to the Session and told this incident. They said – "Well, maybe." That was Wednesday. Friday another lady – from Maine – assured me she has no interest in the Church. "But I am interested in the fact of a New York church sending some one around to invite people. That might happen in the

country, but not in New York City." "Oh," I said, "that is an up and coming church. What we have in mind right now is a nursery school." She flashed back: "What kind of nursery school?" I told her we would have to begin modestly. She said, "Well, I won't go to your church, but I'd be glad to help with a nursery school." She was on the "Mayor's Committee" for a year! (I fear the exacting, not to say extra agent demands of the departments of the city - that are concerned will make it impossible for us to have a nursery school)

I hope to accomplish a good deal, but similar work done in a church whose pastor is always available for work on the staff of the Great Physician - as Boyd Edwards used to be in South Church (Cong.) in Brooklyn - seems to me to have limitless opportunities.

I pray that this new year started to day may bring many rich blessings to you both.

Always with deep appreciation

Sincerely yours,

Alma M. Barnes.

Barnes, George Emerson

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OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PHILADELPHIA

GEORGE EMERSON BARNES, D. D.
MINISTER

June 15, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

Jessie May Pearman (Mrs. Earl O. Pearman), who has been Director of Religious Education in the Congregational Church of North Adams, is being considered for a similar position in the Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Her husband is assistant to the chaplain at Fort Belvoir, Va., and she states her desire to be nearer him as the reason for seeking a change.

Mrs. Pearman has given me your name as one who knows her and can speak concerning her personal qualities and her work.

Anything that you can tell me about her personal qualities, her probable ability to enter into the life of a parish in a residential district such as our Church serves and her general qualifications for Church work will be very much appreciated. A large part of her duties here would be with young people and as a visitor in the homes of our parish.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

George Emerson Barnes.

George Emerson Barnes

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

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December 20, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Again thank you for your presence at last night's dinner and for the beautiful message which you brought us in your tribute to Dr. Mott.

Hearing your resonant voice again, and seeing you on the same platform with Dr. Mott, rang bells of memory which are very precious and very significant in my life. I am sure that the same is true of many of the others who were there.

With the Season's best greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eugene E. Barnett

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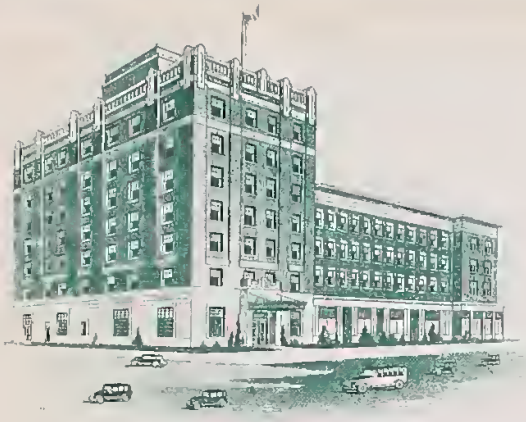

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

January 5, 1944

The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

The other day, Mrs. Barnhouse in her invalid's bed, was reading an old copy of the Christian Alliance Weekly, that for 1894. On page 422 of their Volume 13, she discovered an article by you that struck her so forcibly that she called it to my attention. The title of it was, "The Bible -- A Missionary Book."

If it is at all possible I should like to reprint the article in an early edition of Revelation, as I find it of such value for the missionary cause that I believe its usefulness is not at an end.

May I have a word from you granting permission for us to reprint this article?

With kindest regards, I am

Yours faithfully,

Donald Grey Barnhouse

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Lakeville, Conneticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I want to thank you for answering my letter so promptly when I requested permission to reprint your article, "The Bible, A Missionary Book," which was first printed in The Christian and Missionary Alliance Weekly about fifty years ago.

I waited to answer, as I was on a preaching tour in the south and did not have the article with me. I have now had it copied out and am enclosing a copy herewith. I think that you will find that it is very up to date and pertinent and deserves a new audience. If you will give me permission to print this, I will greatly appreciate it, and we will send you our editorial honorarium for the same.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours faithfully,

Donald Grey Barnhouse

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encl.

Barraclough, Henry

HOTEL TRAYMORE
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

Sunday

Dear Doctor Speer:

Your gracious letter with reference to my 25th Anniversary came safely to hand, and I appreciated it more than I can say, for I owe so much to your influence during the years. The event was quite a party, and the three speeches which were literraly thrown at me almost left me in a state of self-unrecognizability!

I showed your letter to two or three of the ex-moderators present and they cordially agreed in your description of them as a "rum lot." Some, of course, have been "rummer" than others, but the memory of a choice few will always abide.

In my reply I tried to emphasize the wonder of God's providence toward those who are willing to do His will, and to use this as an incentive for complete trust as to the future.

I had intended to dwell on many of the former "giants in the earth" whom I have been privileged to call friends, but time ran out and I decided not to "call the roll", as if I had started, I should not have known where to stop, and would surely have omitted some, or dwelt too long on others who might not have been persona grata to many present. The only earthly tribute I paid was to my own parents, and particularly to my dear father who entered into his rest in February at the ripe age of 82. Mother is still living, and alone, at Morecambe on the Lancashire coast, where they had gone some years ago as it was much milder than our ancestral moorland country.

Again, thank you for your letter and for all you have meant to me, and to multitudes around the world.

Most cordially,
Your younger friend,

Henry Barnclough Jr

Barraclough (?) Henry

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November 22nd/46

Dear Doctor:

Of all the letters which I have recently received about the honor which is to be thrust upon me, I appreciate yours the best. It is the one which I shall keep and treasure. Next to Dr. Mudge — and probably on a par with him, my associations with you during the years have meant more than can be expressed in words.

I shall convey your felicitations to Dr. Schweitzer when I see him. It will be a memorable event at Bloomfield.

Most sincerely,

Henry B.

Bartholomew, Lula M.

Nov. 29. 1946.
Flinn Home
Marion Ind.

Dear Bro. Spear,

I was so pleased to get your letter and that you were pleased with my lines. I find it hard to meet a person with the same ideals that have helped me meet the difficult days of labor and loneliness.

Enclosed is a greeting in verse (copied) with a chance to see how different one's

P.S.

Miss Minnie Thomas is not so well yet comes to eat with us when possible. We had a very nice dinner and all were thankful for our many blessings -

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face looks to others when you smile, or frown. I do not think my painting would gain a prize but hope it will do better, win a smile. Also, another effort to express my gratitude to God that He has "Opened my mind" Have you got that song? "Open my eyes that I may see," If you do not have it I'll send a copy to you.

Very gratefully
your friend
Lula M. Bartholomew

L.M. Bartholomew.

The House Beautiful

What a wonderous work of art
Is this house in which we live.
Each beautiful and useful part
Must daily its service give.
It is shelter and instrument for work
To the soul for which it is made;
Not a single part must shirk
The use for which it is made.
It was built by the Master's hand;
Made in His image, to be
Kept beautiful, pure and grand
For all the world to see.
As the years pass on with all
Of their strain and stress of time,
Bit by bit, the house must fall.
Your dear house — and mine.
Yet still in its warmest part
Is a room for us to dwell
With secure and happy heart,
Until we hear the evening bell.
Then the time has come to go
To the house not made with hands,
Which Jesus will give us, you know,
In that most beautiful of lands -
Fair and lovely, without and within,
Designed and fitted for every one,
Where the soul which is freed from sin
Shall dwell when life here is done -

Bateman, Ellen

Fourth Presbyterian Church
Chicago

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT
126 E. CHESTNUT STREET
SUPERIOR 8450

January 4, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
La Salle Hotel,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Speer:

I was very sorry that you left the church last night before I had a chance to hand you the enclosed check. It comes to you as a slight expression of our appreciation for what you did for us in coming to speak to us.

A few words spoken to me as one of our women left will indicate how very helpful your message was. She said, "This morning I was rebeling because of my housework, but tomorrow morning I'm going to scrub with gusto." She had learned that the seemingly unimportant job of keeping a house in order was important.

How grateful we are to you for your life, and your constant testimony that God's spirit does invade our lives.

Sincerely yours.

Ellen Bateman.

Board, Alice

Lakeville Conn.
Orewill
Oct. 23, 1944

Dear Mrs. Speer,

Your card received to-day. I was glad to hear they could make Dr. Speer comfortable there. I hope he can gain his strength back quickly.

My bread was good I brought it home and had it for supper. I thought you and Dr. Speer was going to enjoy it but as things turned out you couldn't sample it.

If there is anything I

can send to you I would be very glad to. Just tell me and I will get it. Everything is all right up to the house.

It is a beautiful day here today I was able to get Miss Caroline's wash all finished and ready to be returned to her.

Give Dr. Speer our best regards and we are hoping he recovers quickly. Also you must take care of yourself and rest or you will be sick too.

Sincerely

Glice Beard

all love to you

Saturday and he said "here I am [illegible] in Germany now."

One boy came by express [illegible] it. Everything was in order.

There was a telephone call [illegible] from New York [illegible] was in the Presbyterian Hospital. I hope he got the message [illegible].

We are sending our best wishes for a [illegible] for Mr. [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

Beard, Alice

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[illegible] Hill [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

I [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] outside [illegible]
storm [illegible] ways.

Mr. [illegible] will [illegible]
try and start the kitchen
next [illegible]
to Miss [illegible].

I had a letter from [illegible]

Beckman (?) Madeline

September 8, 1944.

Dear Dr. Speer.

Sir enclosing herewith the prayer notes for September. They are not complete and as soon as Mr. Pierson & Dr. Mackay send their notes, I will type them and send them along.

It was a real pleasure to meet

Mrs. Speer and your daughter while in Lakeville. At several of the Y. W. C. A. conventions I had heard Mrs. Speer speak, but I never had the pleasure of meeting her personally on these occasions.

Miss Tice and I enjoyed our stay at Lakeville. We particularly enjoyed our walks around the Hotchkiss School at sunset time.

Yours sincerely,
Madeline W. Beckman

MRS. W. H. BEEMAN
6217 SYCAMORE AVENUE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

April 4,1944

My dear Dr. Speer;-

A most hearty welcome back to Seattle! It is such a precious privilege to have you bring to us, at this Easter season,your inspirational devotionals, and we know that thousands will be drawn closer to the Master, and that all our lives will be strengthened and enriched because of your presence in our midst.

I wonder if you remember the first time I met you and Mrs. Speer? It was in the winter of 1896 or 1897,when you spoke at a joint vesper service of the C.I.M. Boys' and Girls Schools' at Chefoo. One of the hymns you chose that afternoon was:

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind,
Forgive our Feverish Ways"

And it has been a favorite of mine ever since. When it is sung, I always think of that beautiful service,there near the beach,with the lovely hills rising behind the schools!

You had been up to Tengchow to speak to the students of our College, and met for the first time my Uncle Calvin and Aunt Julia Mateer, and our dear Dr. and Mrs. Hayes- who have been "second parents" to me all my life!

As I listened to you yesterday, and again this noon, at Plymouth Church, I thanked God that your Margaret is this year at home with her family, and NOT spending Easter interned at Weihsien!

Dr. Hopkins, who returned on the Gripsholm in 1942,

brought me long "Goodbye" letters from my beloved "Uncle and Auntie Hayes", but since that time Dr. H. and Ernest Hayes have heard from them, I believe. It breaks my heart that I cannot seem to get any letters through to them, to assure them of my daily prayers, and my eternal love for them both!

I sympathize very deeply with John in this continued separation from Barbara and all their family here in the U.S. now. But it is such a blessing to his parents to have John there to make their last days in China as comfortable as they can be in a Jap internment camp!

When the end comes for them, they will be laid to rest in the most sacred spot on earth to me- the little Weihsien cemetery, which in early years was a part of our own yard, until after the passing of my own darling Mother, April 8th, 1886, it was walled off. The first Mrs. Jai Laughlin and her baby son had been buried there the year previous!

Since all the horrors of war have come again to poor old Shantung, I am thankful all the Mateers are safe in our Heavenly Home. It makes Easter very wonderful for me each year, knowing they are celebrating it in the very presence of the Master!

You and Mrs. Speer were very especially on our hearts and in our prayers when the great tragedy came to you several years ago, with the sudden "Going Home" of your Elliot. Evidently his work on earth was done and God called him for further service "Inside The Gates of Pearl". I remember so well when your darling little Elizabeth left you so many years ago, your beautiful submission to God's will and your courage and faith have blessed us all through the intervening years! We have so many loved ones up there, that Heaven is a very real and precious place!

MRS. W. H. BEEMAN
6217 SYCAMORE AVENUE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Won't you please send this little letter on to Mrs. Speer with my love. I hope Margaret is spending Easter with her, since you are out here with us in Seattle. It seems strange to know you are no longer in Englewood, N.J. I hope you will love your new home just as much!

I keep in constant correspondence with scores of our China missionaries, now here at home. Very many of them have been guests in our home during our 35 years of married life- that is the joy of living on the west coast, where the old friends come and go, in normal times!

God richly bless you and yours, and continue to make you a blessing to all fortunate enough to know and love you!

Gratefully always,

Jean Mateer Beeman

Best, Harry

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Amonia Stewart
Rivington & Eldridge Streets
New York City
August 12, 1945.

My dear Dr Speer;

After the service today at the First Church I went forward to extend my greetings; but you had gone — to catch a train, I was told.

We shall need more and more what you have been telling us, in these days of the atomic bomb. Man has demonstrated what power he has; there must now be demonstrated the power of a Higher One. Man should not now wear the garments of pride; he should clothe himself in humility. He should fall on his knees as he has never done before.

With best wishes for you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Very sincerely yours
Harry Best

Blauvelt, James H.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
First Church
Fifth Ave., 11th-12th Sts.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover we are sending you an advance copy of THE BEARDS' BASIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, by Charles A. and Mary R. Beard, which will be published August 1, 1944. This is an original book by America's foremost historians and it will sell at the remarkably low price of 69¢. Charles and Mary Beard, in their decision to make this book available immediately at a popular price, emphasize that "it brings to a close our many years of cooperative efforts in seeking to interpret the long course of American history--it is newly designed and newly written to express the historical judgment which we have reached after more than forty years."

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Sincerely yours,

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MISS MAY S. BLAUVELT
27 RADFORD STREET
YONKERS, NEW YORK

March 27, 1947

Dear Dr. Speer:

The enclosed note from Bessie Pickens came today. She has written also to Mr. Pierson, so you will not need to include him in your requests for birthday greetings to Dr. Zwemer.

I hope he may have a real "shower" of good wishes. They will be doubly acceptable just now, for he has a heart condition which is keeping him on the invalid list for a while. His wife has cancelled all his engagements for a month, and he is keeping very quiet, although yesterday he was up and dressed for the first time in two weeks.

To me it seems providential that he has just relinquished all responsibility for the MOSLEM WORLD Quarterly, so he does not need to worry about the next issue. He would certainly worry about it if it were still dependent on his efforts. Dr. Calverley has a big job on his hands, but is willing to undertake it, and we hope he will succeed.

With all good wishes,

Very truly yours,

May S. Blauvelt

Pickens, "Beas" Z.
(with Blauvelt)

Gb

c/o American Church Mission
58 Poyang Road,
Hankow, Hupeh,

February 21st.

Dear Dr. Speer:- As you are one of Father's dearest and oldest friends I am being bold enough to make a request of you. On April 12th Father will be 80 years young and we thought it would be very thrilling for him to receive 80 cards or letters on that day. If we were in America I would have written to 80 friends but it is a bit difficult to do that from here so would you ask the members of your prayer group to write to Father on his birthday and also to pray for him especially. Thank you.

It is good to be back in China again and to see our Christian friends girding up their loins to rebuild on the ruins to which they have returned--not only physical ruins of buildings but the dispersed and war-worn congregations. There is increased interest among the young people and that means a virile group for the future if their hearts are really captured for the Master's service.

Please pray for all new young missionaries out in China who are facing unusual and pioneer conditions, and also for all Chinese Christian

Throughout the years I have been proud to have known you through Father and Mother and we have been much helped and inspired by you and your books. You belong to the rather limited and exclusive party which we call "G.O.M." (Grand Old Missionaries!!)

Sincerely, "Beas" Z. Pickens.

S-30—Mound Park Hospital and the "Indian Shell Mound," St. Petersburg, Fla.

Bowlby, Harry L.

St Petersburg
March 18, '46

I was with Dr James A McClure at First Church (U.S.) tonight. He spoke so enthusiastically of your stewardship system of giving & so charged the persons who help along the every member canvass. He has a great church here.

I am on a reorganization of our Florida auxiliary mission. Miami also received me gladly. I mean the churches, not the races. Down there the three Rs hold forth: Rum, Races & Religion.

Best wishes,
Harry L. Bowlby

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October 18, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Returning this evening from the exercises in the new United Nations building in Flushing Meadows at which Secretary Trygve Lie was honored and given the Key to the City of New York, I found THE PRESBYTERIAN of October 17. My eyes fell upon "Dr. Speer's Twenty-Two Rules." It was not my privilege last July to attend the sessions of the Institute of Theology at Princeton, my good fortune being confined to a single evening meeting.

How I wish we students of the old days of the early years of thie century might have had those 22 rules when we were at "the best old Sem of all." I hope you will not put us old timers through an examination and measure the manner of our preaching too strictly according to those rules. I could wish that every homiletic professor would make those rules a part of his courses and dwell on the necessity of absorption of the truth they contain. They are a well-spring of truth with wisdom writ large upon them. Yesterday a friend of mine in the Foreign Missions department in thie building and I had lunch together. We agreed that many young ministers slide polysyllables off the tongue quite glibly but thatthey would be better understood and would ehow forth the marks of real erudition if they got down to expressing profound and marvelous truths of Holy Writ ina simplicity of speech. "Clearness carries farther than ### clamor." A minister at the N.J. Synod this week had a truly great message but he ehouted at times until the roof trembled. As for gestures a most prominent minister of New York City at that same Synod bobbed and bounced around with an evident nervous affliction that caused some remarks of an adverse nature, and in fact some of the things he said were disturbing. Now if ministers of large expereicne go off at such tangents, it seems certain that unless the students of today and the future are not more properly training in speech expression and in the fields of homiletics through their three years in the seminaries, the salable value of their sermons will not reach the high point where the decontrols will have to be administered to the super-excellent mastery of the art of preaching.

Personally I know that I could have benefited greatly by thoee rules if I had been able to know them when I was a student in the Seminary, And I have resolved that even now with age sitting on my brow, I can definitely profit by them. Thans a thousand for the 22.

As for 50 years plus or nearly that time, you have been a far-reaching influence in my life, may I say in closing that I often thank our Heavenly Father for having heard your messages at Princeton, at Northfield and other places when I was a student at Princeton University, Princeton Seminary, and through the years since.

Faithfully yours,

Harry

Harry L. Bowlby

Bowlby, Harry

Dear Dr. Speer - The referenced to you in the letter from Miss Hotchkin prompts me to enfil this copy to you. I see by the program forwarded to me today, Jan 25, - Down in Washington, - you were on the program of the Preaching Mission in Norfolk - Jan 12-14. I am here in Washington trying to help along a bit. At a breakfast in the Capitol building yesterday morning about 100 of persons next to discuss conditions today in our american life. Frank Garnett hit the liquor traffic. He never lets a liquor ad get into any of his 27 papers. Presbyterian Henry Lace Holliday sburg, Pa. had 8 full pages and 4 half pages, but he done January 13, 1947 time ago. I wrote him, He's answer this his secretary was bitiful. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harold Burton urged our reform assns to keep up one work. Senator Arthur Capper struck at the divorce problem & I took up the Sunday Sitation. Several Senators & Reps & others made contributions. I feel sure the Devil was listening in. Garnett told of how as a boy he helped in a hotel and what he saw & heard there made him eternally an enemy of the liquor traffic. He could have made millions by giving space to the greatest enemy of home & church and community. I sometimes wonder what F.D. thought of his success that followed his first acceptance speech for the Presidency in 1932 when he boldly declared: "The 18th amendment is doomed." It certainly is dooming countless individuals. About half the 80 persons in an alcoholics anonymous meeting in South Orange, N.J. meeting I attended last Sunday night were women who had hit the bottom in strong drink. Communism is on the march but John Barley Corn may beat it to the goal here in the U.S.A.

Didn't mean to write so much. Guess it was on the crystal ball.

Yours, Harry Bowlby

Dr. Harry L. Bowlby, Editor
Lord's Day Leader

Dear Former Pastor
and former friend also of my father and myself:-

I want to thank you for late number of your little magazine; an especially interesting one to me, with its very fine picture of Dr. Charles Erdman, whose father I knew when attending his Bible Class held in the China Island Mission House in Germantown, Phila. and it was my pleasure also to attend his church quite frequently while there. He is one of God's noble men. It is with not a little (I hope pardonable) pride that I find names of former Altoona and Huntingdon men that I have known as pastors and earnest workers for the Church, among them, Dr. Robert Speer who was a classmate in public school and a member of my father's S. S. class in the Huntingdon church when a boy. These memories are very precious after you have passed your 83rd milestone.

I am enclosing my usual contribution $2.00 (notes) toward the little magazine and its great work.

With many thanks for your good wishes for the year just opening,

I am

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Hotchkin

Bowman, Border?

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August 21st

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your kind note of the 17th at hand and I want you to know that I was delighted to have you stay at the Harvard Club. The man at the desk spoke to me of the pleasure he had in serving you and I know our session is most anxious to have you comfortably housed, when serving our Church. It will be a sad day for us, when you are unable to continue.

Some day I would like to know where you saw the memorial to Marshal Newall. I imagine it was in one of the rooms you occupied.

"Ma" Newall continued to exert the wholesome influence at Harvard begun by my class mate, Arthur

Cumnock. Cumnock really created a Revolution in Harvard by arousing the men to an appreciation of manly sports and clean living and Newell carried on that tradition.

I was always proud that I had played on Cumnock's team in the fall of 1889 until compelled by order of the doctors to give up football.

I saw the game in the fall of 1887 when you played on the Princeton team and Cumnock played on the Harvard team.

Yours very sincerely

Burdett Duncan

Bowman Bowder (?)

September 26 12

Dear Dr. Speer:

I read yesterday a large part of the book "Young men who overcame".

I was especially interested in what you said about Marshal Krall. It was stimulating to read of his retaining his love for the simple things of life. The reference to his diary was refreshing.

I was so glad to see that Harvard, Yale and Princeton all had young men worthy of your classification.

You were very thoughtful

to give me the information
contained in your kind note
of the 30th ult.

Yours very sincerely

Border Bowman

Bowman, Louis A.

LOUIS A. BOWMAN
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RE/

Feb 4, 1944.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It was good to see you and hear you again at the time of your Chicago visit last month. It brought back to memory more vividly the days of a third of a century ago, when we held so many meetings and rallies under leadership of Andrew Stevenson. Since then a new generation has grown up, but the then young men whom Andrew brought out and developed, are many of them today, the bulwark of Presbyterianism in Chicago and vicinity. I often wish he might have been spared longer, to see more of the fruitage of his early work. Seeing you again also reminded me pleasantly of the fine letter you wrote me after you had read my little sketch of the life work of our mutual friend D. E. Brown.

I was particularly interested in your reference to Mr Willkie and his being over a century late in his "one world" idea. Somehow I have had the strong feeling that he was not the man the country needs for President. Just before you were here a few lines about him were published in our Oak Park community paper, which I had written by request. Am enclosing a copy and shall be grateful if you will glance it over and let me know whether in your opinion, I have done him any injustice.

With sentiments of the highest esteem, and appreciation of all that you have achieved, and hoping that your evening years may be many and crowned with continued fruitful service in the kingdom

Yours sincerely,

Louis A. Bowman

Boyce, Arthur C.

American Mission
Teheran, Iran
August 1, 1946

Dear Dr. Speer:

On the occasion of its Annual Meeting the Iran Mission send you affectionate greetings. The Mission remembers with gratitude your many years of leadership and service in this field and wants you to know that it has not forgotten.

With the losses due to the closing of our schools and the failure of new personnel to arrive because of the war years the Mission is reduced in numbers to something like what it must have been in the years of your early connection with it. During the past year we have had only four experienced clergymen and three American doctors in our six stations, with a total number of forty missionaries in all stations. We are happy that four evangelistic couples and one evangelistic lady are in training in Language School in Hamadan, all of whom will be going to the Mission stations this fall. Others of our staff will be returning to Iran from America within the next few months. The future looks brighter.

We understand you have had much news of Iran in your papers and radio in the past months. The situation here seems less critical at present but actually it is probably just as bad. It is hard to tell what the ferment is doing under the surface.

In spite of adverse conditions, the Church reports progress. Just before Mission meeting a fine Ittehadieh (Synod) meeting was held here with representatives from all parts of our field. One of the encouraging signs are the groups of active,enthusiastic young people in many places.

That this word of greeting may find you well and happy in your very busy and useful life is the prayer of

Your friends in the Iran Mission

Arthur C. Boyce

Arthur C. Boyce, Secretary
Iran Mission

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December 6, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Members of our Committee believe that the LMM will be able to achieve greater success than would otherwise be possible in 1946, its 40th anniversary year, if we have an unofficial commendation from a few missionary leaders like yourself.

While we are greatly encouraged by the growing participation in the observance of Men and Missions Sunday, we want to extend it. Further than that, we have been urged and are anxious to resume at the same time that type of missionary cultivation - the holding of regional and city conventions and conferences - to which the Movement confined itself very largely during the first 25 years of its service to the missionary boards and the churches.

To these ends, would you kindly help us by signing the enclosed draft, amending it, of course, if in any way you should consider a revision desirable?

We meet next week and I would be greatly pleased to report at that time your interest to Dr. Compton and the other members of our Committee.

I enclose a sheet showing how widely the observance of Men and Missions Sunday was promoted this year.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Gordon Bradt

A. Gordon Bradt,
Chairman, Committee on Denominational Cooperation

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December 14, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Accept our hearty thanks for your prompt response to our letter of December 6, and for joining in the informal commendation of our work.

Pray that the activities of the Movement in its 40th anniversary year may accomplish their intended purpose and aid materially in the enlistment of men in our North American churches in advancing the Christian World Mission.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Gordon Bradt

A. Gordon Bradt,
Chairman, Committee on Denominational Cooperation

I appreciate very much your personal word and the wide influence of your life and ministry in my own thinking and that of many, many others—

Gordon

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April 27, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

You doubtless are aware of the fact that we have in process of publication a Spanish translation of your book, THE MEANING OF CHRIST TO ME.

We have run into considerable difficulty regarding the translation of the Browning poem. We have searched thoroughly through all the Browning bibliographies for an accredited translation and upon being unsuccessful I wrote to Dr. Armstrong of the NEW BROWNING LIBRARY, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He tells me that there is practically nothing translated into Spanish of Brownings due to the fact that the Latin Americans have not found Browning particularly appealing.

I hesitate to have this translated by the present editor because of the fact that it really needs a poet. The thought has occurred to me that possibly you would be the best person to determine whether or not the poem is particularly necessary to the book. Do you know of any poem in English that might carry your thought on which there might possibly be a Spanish translation?

I would appreciate your writing me quite frankly regarding this.

Sincerely yours

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May 8, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your letter of April 29th. The original decision to translate your book into Spanish was made by the CHRISTIAN LITERATURE COMMITTEE of THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL. This book was one of three selected from a list prepared by the COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION in LATIN AMERICA.

The manuscript was prepared in Mexico under the direction of Rev. Baez-Camargo and submitted to the COMMITEE ON COOPERATION in LATIN AMERICA for approval. We were not satisfied with the original translation and it is at present being polished off by Rev. Alberto Baez, editor of MANZANAS DE ORO and one of the prominent Brooklyn Ministers.

Your suggestion to consult Dr. Mackay is a very excellent one and I will be more than happy to send the manuscript to him and ask him to look it over before I finally send it to the printer.

Sincerely yours

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY

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ARTHUR J. BROWN
1235 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Sept. 8, 1944

Dear Robert:

It seems a longtime since we met, but I often think of you and always with thankfulness for our long and happy fellowship in Christian service and for the continued power of your witness to the great truth of the gospel of Christ. I hope that your birthday will be but the beginning of another year of your splendid ministry.

Well, we are "getting on". I occasionally attend a meeting of the Board. The diminishing number of old-timers cordially welcome me, and the increasing number of newer ones doubtless wonder who that old fellow is. The average age of the recruits at the Young Conference was about twenty-five, so that they were ten years old when I retired!

Of course, I meant nothing to them, but they meant a lot to me as I rejoiced that such a fine reenforcement could be sent out in this critical time. I never go to a meeting of the Council, but I have the general impression that the officers of the Board are administering their work intelligently and well. And now Weber is commander in chief under the new set-up.

Eleanor joins me in warm regards to Mrs. Speer and in good wishes for your birthday. I know that my dear would wish to be added, but she is too ill to understand.

Ever affectionately,

Arthur

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ARTHUR J. BROWN
1235 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Sept. 12, 1945

Dear Robert:

Your birthday rushed past me before I had a chance to seize it. I share the happiness of your family and friends in your restored health and the continuance of your splendid pulpit and platform witness to the Gospel of Christ. As I think of you, my mind teems with happy memories of our former fellowship. At eighty-eight, I am thankful to be spared to aid in caring for my beloved wife, who has not recovered, and of course cannot now recover, from the effects of a cerebral hemorrhage of nearly four years ago.

All good wishes for you and yours.

Affectionately,
Arthur

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ARTHUR J. BROWN
1235 PARK AVENUE
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Sept 8, 1946

Dear Robert:

Heartiest congratulations on the completion of another year of your splendid ministry! Never has your prophetic voice been more needed than now. May God give you continued strength for addition. years of Christian leadership.

Ever affectionately,

Arthur

ARTHUR J. BROWN
1235 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Dec. 12, 1946

Dear Robert:

I deeply appreciated your presence and remarks at the luncheon in the Board rooms. I have a happy memory of our long friendship. One of my special reasons for gratitude is in my long association with you in Christian service. You were an ideal fellow worker. I know that I was not. I marvel sometimes that my colleagues were so forbearing. The only explanation I can think of for my many years and blessings is that God "hath not dealt with me after my sins."

Ever affectionately,

Arthur

PS Thank you for your letter on the CPU which just came

Brown, Aubrey N.

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March 16, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer,

Following the Chicago meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference and the editorial which appeared in The Christian Century January 19 which put the Southern Presbyterians in a very bad light, we re-printed a portion of the editorial which put a good part of the blame for the non-cooperative tendencies of the Conference at the door of our church and the Southern Baptist group. This disturbs a good many of us and, as it is, our chief channel of information about the proposed North American Council, as it affects missions, is our Foreign Mission leadership. These men impress us as being unduly non-cooperative, and very fearful of what the proposed merger will bring.

Because some of us are convinced that the world after the war is going to demand more cooperation and actual unity of effort on the foreign field we do not like this and we feel that it is a disservice to the cause to which we are all committed.

The two charges which are brought against the proposal to unite these cooperating agencies are: 1) Totalitarian, monopolistic control, and 2) Liberalism in theology. Or, more briefly, "monopolistic liberalism."

Some of us are not sure that is true any more than the present cooperative arrangements could be so characterized. The proposed constitution does not seem to warrant the first charge and the second, of course, depends upon a person's own point of view. But, for those who are now cooperating in the Foreign Missions Conference, it seems to me that the charge of "liberalism" should forbid that cooperation.

Because of the great admiration which our denomination has for you, I should like to have a discussion of this question -- without direct reference to any specific charges or incidents, but simply point-out why the proposal is up and what values it holds and calming the fears of those who are afraid of "monopoly" and "liberalism" if there are just grounds for doing this. We should be glad to have your discussion of

the question even though your point of view is not what I have outlined. We need to be doing some serious thinking about missions policy for the postwar period and the judgment of no one do we value more highly than yours.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,

Aubrey N. Brown

Brown, Eliz. McConaughy
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MRS. ROBERT REA BROWN LAMBERT ROAD NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

Jan. 6, '46.

My dear Dr. Speer -

First let me introduce myself. I am Elizabeth McConaughy Brown one of David McConaughy's daughters. The last time I remember seeing you was when you so beautifully officiated at Mamma's funeral service at our home in Montclair. That seems a long time ago. We have since moved here to New Canaan. I understand that you have recently had a severe illness and hope that by now you have your usual health & strength again.

My reason for writing is this. Our youngest daughter, Phoebe, is here in the high school and we

are most anxious to transfer her to Northfield at once. We are not at all satisfied with her progress here and there are aspects of the local situation that trouble us a good deal. I have talked with Miss Wilson and also Mrs Davis, acting Dean of Admissions, and they have given us a little hope that in case of a possible opening materializing for second semester, Phoebe might have the place. However there are apparently several other applications for it.

I wonder whether you would feel like putting in a word for Phoebe. I realize that you do not know her and perhaps would prefer not to write such a note of commendation

MRS. ROBERT REA BROWN LAMBERT ROAD NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

In that case please feel very free to say so and I shall understand perfectly. Of course I know that your name carries a lot of weight there, and that it would probably help our case!

As for Phoebe, I believe that you would pronounce her "Northfield calibre". She has a very pleasing personality and outstanding qualities of leadership, which is the reason we are so anxious that they develop under Northfield influence.

Montclair friends of ours, the Donald Maces, are now living in Lakeville and we hope to run

up to see them before long, and perhaps we can have the pleasure of seeing you again.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Speer.

And thank you for your kindness, but remember that you must be frank if for any reason you would prefer not to write Miss Wilson in Phoebe's behalf.

Very cordially yours

Elizabeth McC. Brown

Brown, Henry S.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

May 8, 1946

The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Robert:

I read with delight your review of "Citizenship and the New Day", by Harley Womer, in Monday Morning. Especially am I glad to hear you sound the note "In overharsh criticism of business magnates, etc.." and your closing paragraph. I am dead sure that the world desperately needs some influential voice raised in defense of our present system. More strength to you!

We missed you and Mrs. Speer at the gathering at the Princeton Inn. The group was small, but it was not for lack of interest. Mr. and Mrs. Pew would have been there, they wrote me, but they had planned a three weeks vacation at that time and greatly needed it. Mrs. Schiede made a reservation, but was taken ill at the last moment; and Miss Munger had made a reservation, but at the last moment had an interruption that made it impossible, but she hopes to get over later.

The group Friday night at the Inn was slightly different from the group Saturday morning. But it did a lot of good and aroused a deeper interest on the part of some of our contributors. We already have had some evidence of it. Mrs. Schiede doubled her gift of last year and with it wrote a very appreciative little note. So the battle goes.

How often I wish you were here on the campus and in the Faculty with your quiet, steady, balanced judgment. The world needs more such men.

Always your grateful friend,

Henry

Henry S. Brown

HSB:d

Brown, John

Jan. 24, —

1105 Park Avenue

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your moving letter about father. We have as you say, cause for deep pride in all that he was and did and for thankfulness that we had him with us for so many years of happy association.

You were one of the

With deep appreciation of your sympathy and all good wishes, I am

very sincerely yours,

John Cosby Brown

Monday, January 24th

friends whom father cherished most. He has often spoken to me of his affection for you and of the reassurance he derived from your steadfast holding of many basic ideas and beliefs which he thought vital. You meant a great deal in his life.

Brubaker, Edward

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114 Holbrook St.
Cadillac, Mich
25 January 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
% The Board of Foreign Missions
Presbyterian Church USA
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer,

This is a letter to bring you the greetings of your good friend Mr. Aisaku Hayashi of Tokyo!

I have just returned from serving two years with the 6th Marines of the 2nd Marine Division. Our part in the occupation was to move into Nagasaki and later on Sasebo and Saga, all on Kyushu, as you know. However, when it came time for my relief, furlough in the states, and new tour of duty, I returned by way of Tokyo. Quite by accident I met Mr. Hayashi's son on the train and he invited me to visit them at their home in Kamakura, near the Yokasuka Naval Base where I was awaiting air transportation to the States.

The day that was spent in their home was one of the most delightful I had in Japan. As soon as Mr. Hayashi learned that I was a chaplain, and a Presbyterian at that! he immediately asked about you and John R. Mott. Hanging on the wall of the study there was a picture taken of a group including the two of you, Mr Hayashi and many others, which picture I believe was taken at or near the inception of the Cosmopolitan Club.

The Hayashi's lost their home in Tokyo which was built for them by Frank Lloyd Wright due to the thorough work of our B-29's. That is why they are living in their summer home out at Kamakura. Mr. Hayashi was a genial host and seemed to enjoy so much having someone with whom he could speak English again, and particularly a Christian. He gave a strong impression of one who has and practices high Christian ideals. He has done his best to raise his family in that tradition, and to conduct his business after that pattern.

I think the thing I enjoyed so much about the gentleman was his frankness and directness, which is not easy to find among the Japanese. Guess he lived in America long enough to acquire that habit from us. He spoke so freely of the issues of the war, of Japan's fault, guilt, the deserved judgment she was experiencing, what was keeping Japan from rising into a true nation, the kind of help she needed, etc

As you probably know, after he returned to Japan Mr. Hayashi became very influential. During the war, however, he was not very popular due to the fact that he opposed it too openly. He kept telling them that all these thingsthey said about America were lies. He spoke with such reverence of the debt he felt he owed America, that I could not believe this to be a front of politeness. An interesting and small example of his situation was this. He was most anxious to be reassured that the cherry trees had not been chopped down. — in Washington Having a personal interest and hand in those trees, and being a charter member of the Japanese Cherry Tree Association, he had repeatedly told that Association that the government's (Japanese)propaganda that America had chopped the trees down wasa lie . He told them the American's were not that foolish! But now that the war was over he was anxious to have the "evidence of things not seen".

He was most anxious to be remembered to you, and I told him that when I got back to America I would write you that he was alive and well. He was so glad to hear that you too continued in good health.

I believe it will be difficult to write him until the government decides finally to open civilian mail channels to Japan. Mr. Hayashi's address is 1410 Hase, Kamakura, Japan. About the only other way I would know to get mail to him now would be to send it enclosed in a letter to the Protestant Chaplain, Yokasuka Naval Base, Honshu, Japan. He could probably drive over to Kamakura (about 20 minutes) and deliver the letter for you. I know it would mean a great deal to Mr. Hayashi, and the chaplain whoever he is now would enjoy meeting him.

If there is any other information I can give, or questions you would like answered, I would be only to glad to try.

Sincerely yours,

Chaplain

Edward Brubaker

Edward Brubaker

P. S. On second though, when addressing the chaplain it would probably be best just to say, Protestant Chaplain, Yokasuka Naval Base, FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

Buchanan, John G.

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March 22, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

As you have doubtless heard from Dr. Hutchison, our Session at its meeting this week requested us to invite you to preach the sermon on the morning of the second Sunday of May, the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the new East Liberty Church. You will recall that you preached in the church on the evening of Dedication Sunday. The tenth anniversary should be a great occasion and worthy of the leading Presbyterian in the United States. At the same time, I would not push a dear friend who has recently had two operations to honor the occasion by preaching the sermon if his doing so would be at the risk of his health. No one else was mentioned in connection with the anniversary, and I am sure no one else is in mind. So if you wish to wait for a while before coming to a decision about the matter, I have no doubt that it will be all right for you to do so.

Charity and I would be delighted if you would stay at our house during your visit to Pittsburgh; and if Mrs. Speer will accompany you, we should love to have her also as our guest.

With affectionate greetings, I am

Sincerely your friend,

John G. Buchanan

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Buchanan, John G.

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May 7, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Charity and I are delighted that you are coming to speak at our church's tenth anniversary. While we wish you could come earlier, we shall be glad to have you as our guest at breakfast on Sunday and for as long thereafter as you will stay. If Mrs. Speer can come with you, we should love to have her too. We have invited the Hutchisons and the Kerrs to have dinner with us right after the service.

All reports are to the effect that you have made a splendid recovery from your operation, and that is a cause of rejoicing to your many friends.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Affectionately yours,

John G. Buchanan

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Buchanan, John G.

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PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION

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June 12, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Pennsylvania Bar Association will hold its annual meeting on June 27 to 29 at the Hotel Claridge, Atlantic City, New Jersey. The meeting will be opened with prayer at 10 o'clock in the morning of June 27. The prayer should refer expressly to the members who had died since the last meeting and particularly those who had lost their lives in military service. At the conclusion of the prayer taps will be sounded and the names of those who lost their lives in the service will be read by the Secretary of the Association, who is a veteran of both World Wars, and the names of other members who have died since the last meeting, by the Chairman of the Committee on Biography.

Could you come to Atlantic City as the guest of the Association in order to offer the prayer? I presume from what you told me when we last met that it would be inconvenient for Mrs. Speer to accompany you. If I am wrong in this, however, both Charity and I would be delighted to have both you and Mrs. Speer as honor guests of the Association.

If you can come, please let me know the date of your arrival and of your departure and whether Mrs. Speer will accompany you, in order that a suitable room may be reserved for you.

Do not let me impose any burden on you. If, however, you can come to the meeting, I think that you will find it interesting. Mr. Justice Roberts will make the annual address on the evening of the 27th, and at the banquet on the 28th Judge Augustus Hand and Chief Justice Maxey will speak. Mr. Justice Burton, Senator Pepper and others will be among the honor guests.

I am glad to learn from the minutes of the Seminary Board that there were only three absentees at the last meeting and sorry that I was one of them. The reason for my absence was the pressure of the duties of my present office, which will end with the coming meeting. That they have borne rather heavily on me this year you may guess when I say that this evening I have to make my eighteenth speech since last summer.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

John G. Buchanan

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Buchanan, John

620 AMBERSON AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, 6, PENNSYLVANIA

Jan. 1, 1947.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Many thanks for the book of Holmes's Collected Papers. I have sampled it and am sure that I shall enjoy reading it.

Charity and I are deriving great benefit and satisfaction from "Five Minutes a Day." It supplements our regular daily Bible reading, and we are studying it carefully.

years. A long distance telephone talk with Gibson today brought the welcome news that he is expecting to receive his discharge any day.

We are very gratified at the East Orange Church at the prospect of having Dr. Sherman Skinner as our pastor when Dr. Hutchison retires next spring. I am glad too that he has become a member of the Seminary Board.

Charity and I send much love and best New Years wishes to you and Mrs. Ker.

Sincerely your friend, John Buchanan

I look forward to seeing you at the Board meeting at Princeton on February 11. Next Monday I shall be there for the Curriculum Committee meeting. I find the work of that committee, and indeed all the business of the Seminary, interesting and congenial.

We had all our sons home at Christmas, Gibson, who is still in the Army, for one day only. In 1945 we were similarly fortunate, for the first time in five

Bulkley, Edwin M.

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Lake Placid Club
IN THE ADIRONDACKS
Essex County, N.Y.

September 5, 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
L a k e v i l l e,
CONNECTICUT.

My dear Rob:

Your letter, in every line, touched me deeply - as many a time before throughout the years, which are mounting still higher in number. I cannot begin to write as I should like at so memorable an Anniversary, but you will know all the love which is in the heart and goes out to you.

The little token, which will be under ~~separate~~ cover, will serve some use, I trust.

Holly has, with her unfailing thought and love, kept Lucy and me quite informed through the summer as to the family doings at large - in everything of concern to each one; and we have been keenly interested in following from week to week.

Marnie was also good in writing, in response to my letter upon her assuming the leadership at SHIPLEY. What a wonderful thing for the school! And how happy it will be for her to have Betty and the little one under the same roof; and even the more so at a time when Billy is so far distant and for an indefinite time!!

Your own varied engagements, even in the summer season, have been followed as best I could through one or another channel. Tell Emma, please, that it is a great pleasure to have her

brother, James, and his wife about, although, under the circumstances, our intercourse is very restricted -- for more reasons than one.

Lucy and I have, in the main, fared exceedingly well this summer, save for my inability for several months to make any use of eyes. I am, however, resting in the hope that the trouble will, with time, clear away in a measure.

We shall be returning to town the middle of next week, where many things await, even under the restrictions.

With a full heart toward each one of the larger circle - however widely separated,

Devotedly yours,

(Edwin M. Bulkley)

EMB/BAL

Dictated but not read.

Much grateful for the book later received.

Bulkley, Edwin

EDWIN M. BULKLEY
TWENTY-FIVE BROAD STREET
NEW YORK 4, N.Y.

July 5, 1946.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer;

Mr. Bulkley is most anxious that you should know that in every way they are thankful for your beautiful letter, to which Mr. and Mrs. Bulkley respond with all their hearts.

It is a sorrow to Mr. Bulkley that he is incapacitated and cannot write personally. He wishes me to assure you of their love to one and all.

You will be glad to know that both Mr. and Mrs. Bulkley have gained physically since their arrival at Lake Placid Club.

Yours very sincerely,

Jennie F. Andrews.

Secretary.

Can only ask you
to know my eternal love.

Mr. Edwin Muhlenberg Bulkley

Ned.

September 10th.

worse during during the Roosevelt administration - and Truman is proving quite a disappointment all round. Well! we love you all very much - in spite of everything - Forever Lucy.

Mrs. Edwin M. Bulkley
817 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dec. 31st 1945.

My dear Rob,

I am sick getting in under the wire - but my warmest thanks for your Christmas remembrance. I have not finished educating Ned - the boot did not

arrive in time -- but I made an excellent beginning in inculcating the desire for knowledge at least.

I'm afraid you have not lived in Lafayette long enough to learn the weather. But you cannot have had anything as bad as we have had here for the holidays. It kept growing

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EMILE CAILLIET

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PHILADELPHIA—43, PA.

August 13, 1944

My dear Dr. Speer:

The concluding paragraph of my coming book on "Pascal: Genius in the Light of Scripture" reads:

"Let us learn from Pascal, then, that Christianity is essentially a matter of commitment; that theology is a matter of authority; and that in the last analysis the supreme authority in theology is that of the Incarnate Son, the Supernatural Christ. He, the living Word, is therefore the measure of all things spiritual, even of Scripture!! Let us once more realize, as in this final assurance we behold the serenity of Pascal's death mask, that the only true Church is the Communion of Saints."

Now, note 4, the last in the book — and in this manner the final message of the book — reads:

"This faith has been forcefully vindicated in our day by Robert E. Speer in his admirable book The Finality of Jesus Christ, The L. P. Stone Lectures, etc."

Before I correct the final proofs I should like to have your permission for the above statement that "this faith" has been vindicated in your book. You probably would not word "your faith" in this manner; but I just reread your book, and it appears to me from beginning to end as supporting the statement made in my note.

Meeting you in Princeton has proved to be providential, as I needed the keystone for my edifice. You have provided it. However I beg permission to use it.

Yours most cordially,

Charles Hodge

Cairn, D.S.

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TELEPHONE NO. 41994

13 MAYFIELD TERRACE.
EDINBURGH 9.

Dec. 29/44

My dear Rees,

The sands of the old year are running out fast, & though this cannot reach you till the New Year is perhaps a month old, I cannot resist the impulse to send you in pace & yourself an affectionate greeting on its advent.

May God nifty bless you & yours in 1945! I think this has 35 years (nearly) of friendship. I think we began to correspond a year or two before we actually met in 1910. How many kind acts & how many good letters I have had from you

and Mrs Jane Stuart!

We are all well, I am glad to say.

Both Alison & I have had very good health this winter. To be one instinct certainly I feel the inevitable diminution of physical energy that is only to be expected in one's 83rd year. But I am still instinctively impressed (though I hope outwardly gratefully debonair) when some young lady or too polite Polish warrior offers me her or his seat in a car. I rather christ these homicidal instincts as indications that decrepitude has not set in. But, perhaps, I flatter myself here indeed. Both a Prince-Wm Seminary (see style) would say I do!

TELEPHONE NO. 41994

13 MAYFIELD TERRACE.
EDINBURGH 9.

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David is well. He got a cheerful letter from him [illegible]. His last was [illegible] (for he is very careful not to give his locality away). ~~[illegible]~~ written from [illegible] the Dutch side of the Meas just beyond the northern confines of the Vortex. I see Montgomery however has thrown in part to the Highland Division, & also the Germans say brought up new artillery to block Rundstedt. David is in the artillery, & may have been shifted since he wrote — though I hardly think so.

I have been reading a good deal of Theology lately mainly books on Christology & the Trinity & trying to rethink the problems.

My main Theological interests (while a Professor) were in the Groundwork. — God & the World & the Soul, Nature of Course I had read & worked & written on the more central themes.
But I have found I had a lot to learn & have been trying to get a little deeper.
Hodgson's book on the Brief Sect came out this year. is by much the freshest contribution I have read lately on that great Theme.
I am at present reading a 15 year old volume on Christology called "The Lord of Life" written by a Nonconformist group, & published by the Student Movement. It is unsaw, but contains one very good Essay on The Apostolic Teaching by the late Prof Cronner of Hackney College. (London)

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13 MAYFIELD TERRACE,
EDINBURGH 9.

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I think he was a son-in-law of Principal Forsyth. But of them all, read or re-read, there is none of them (the Monumentalists) in the same street with my dear friend Hugh Mackintosh's well-known book on the Person of Christ, which I have re-read again with much edification.

On [illegible] Temple's books are the most brilliant. What a gifted creation he was his loss is devastating. But I like the way a friend put it, when he said: "The Lord must be very sure that the battle here is going to be won a not lost." When he called William Temple

to another part of the field!"

I am sending you by this post a copy of George Macleod's Cultural manifesto. Some of it you will, I think, find very interesting. He is a good gift to God & us. Sometimes he makes me throw up my hands it is true! But he has ideas, & courage & devotion & many gifts & a most likeable personality. Will you tell me what you think of the book when you have time to read it. I must stop for it is much 1 a.m.

Much love to you both
yrs. most truly
D. P. Cairns.

I like to hold it (your letter) for a while before giving it & when it is opened I do not cease to read it too lastly; I rather like an obscure hand; it makes you sing the words - [illegible] to [illegible]

Hold Summer to Dave Norton

Caldwell, Frank H.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 2, 1945

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, D. D.
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have been out of the city much of the time since that series of special services at Second Church, but I want to take this occasion again to thank you for coming to Louisville to bring to our city those clear ringing Gospel messages.

Also, I want you to know how much we in the seminary have appreciated your willingness to take the time to come to us for that stimulating Chapel service. It was certainly a high point in our worship experience of this fall.

I hope that you and Mrs. Speer did not find your labors in Louisville too taxing, and I am sure that you have appreciated all the more the invigorating climate of Connecticut.

With warmest personal regards to both you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Cordially yours,

Frank H. Caldwell

Frank H. Caldwell
President

FHC:lss

Casberg, S. D.

GERRY HOMES, Gerry, N.Y.,
April 6th, 1944.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

Yesterday I received your post card informing me that you had requested the printers to send me "for the Gerry Homes" a complimentery copy of the Memoirs of Rev. George Bowen, of Bombay. I wish to thank you very kindly for this, but wish to write a few words of explanation.

Having learned from a former missionary from India who is now in the U.S.A., that a "Life of George Bowen, written by Mr. Robert E. Speer" could be bought from the Missionary Review of the World, 156 Fifth Ave., N.Y. City, I immediately sent a post card inquiring if the book could be had and what the price was, in order that I might send for it.

I received no reply until yesterday when your card came and also the book with the "compliments of the author."

Per haps my above address is a bit misleading. I am in no way associated with these Homes, but only of necessity as a guest for a short time.

Now I am planning in a couple of weeks to leave for the Pacific Coast to reside permanently, and I wish to take the book you sent me, with me. I myself went out to India as a missionary 38 years ago, and have spent more than 20 years in Central India.

The next day after my first arrival in India being Sunday I attended the morning services at the Bowen Memorial Church in Bombay. Because of that I became interested in the work of the Rev. George Bowen Immediately, and later became acquainted with a missionary who had in his earlier days worked with George Bowen in Bombay.

During my stay in India I met several persons who are mentioned in the preface of the book, Bishop Robinson and Bishop Badley, having heard them preach several times. Through reading the Autobiagraphy of Bishop Wm. Taylor, when a boy my heart was moved towards India.

I am requesting you that, instead of the book being a complimentary gift to the Gerry Homes, that I be allowed to keep it for my own use. Were it not for a serious accident that happened to me at the beginning of my third term in India, I should be there today.

I have been in the habit after reading a good book on missions of late, to pass it on to missionaries who are now laboring in foreign fields.

I wish to enclose two dollars herewith that may be applied toward the cost of your output of these books, if you will,

Yours very truly,

S. D. Casberg.

Cathey, C.E.

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March 18, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Pressure of field duties since the Seminars has prevented me from saying before how deeply grateful we are to you for the helpful and inspiring service you gave in these meetings. Our men are unanimous in their appreciation and we all hope you can be with us again.

I hope you had no more "Joe Wheeler" experiences on your return trip. No matter how careful we try to be in advance arrangements we cannot anticipate all the possibilities. I am very sorry for the inconvenience and discomfort caused by this experience.

With kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours

C. E. Cathey, 101

C. E. Cathey

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Chen, Y. G.

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Prince George Hotel
at 14 East 28th Street New York

George H. Newton
Manager

May 1, 1945

My dear Doctor Speer:

I was certainly very fortunate in having the privilege of hearing your sermon at the West End Church, here in New York, and later the privilege of seeing Mrs. Speer and yourself at Harrisburg, Pa. Then later, I was taking a trip across the country over a wide area in visiting many colleges and universities. It was a long and tedious trip in the wartime travel, but I was hoping that in the end I could have a few months to do what I want and to see a few friends, and I was even hoping that I might come to visit you, but to my great disappointment, I have to wind up rather speedily, as my people in the University are asking me to return almost immediately.

It is always a great inspiration to see you and it has been a source of grafification that I was able to visit you nine years ago.

With respectful regards, to Mrs. Speer and yourself and Miss Margaret,

Yours faithfully,

Y. G. Chen

Feb. 1st Sunset 1525 Summit Rd.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chester, Susan W.

Dear Dr. Speer, 89

Thank you for that beautiful little book which reached me a few days ago. I shall always treasure it, for it is a treasury of beautiful thoughts, selections, poems and prayers - bringing me and whomsoever reads it in close touch with the Father. Many of those who penned those lines may now be in the Father's Home, face to face with the Lord Jesus & transformed into His image.

I have recently memorized the first Chapter of Colossians. It is a rich Chapter - I often repeat it to myself when sleepless at night. When I reach the 11, 12, 13 & 14 verses, I am so lost in wonder & praise I simply drop off to sleep. "He uses His glorious power to strengthen us (even me) unto patience & long-suffering, with joyfulness - (don't forget joyfulness).

Again, "He hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints (not our work.)

Again, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

(Oh - so many sins all forgiven!)

His glorious power making us meet to be in His Presence - but not on the front line - way back under the gallery Dr. Speer - do you remember?
But you and my dear husband will be in the front!

Changed into His Image - Redemption Forgiveness - Blessed be His Holy Name!

Affectionately -
Susan W. Chester

Love to Mrs. Speer too.

I will only add. I am here for a few weeks with my son Sam's family but expect to go on to the mountains by March 1st. I spent the winter with Emma in Salem, Ill. I do not expect you to remember the boys — I have several scattered around.

We sold our home in Montreal, but I expect to be there part of the summer. I was sorry to part with the old place with its tender memories but it was too large for us to care for —

W. H. C.

18th March - 2757 Fairbanks Ave Chester, Susan W.

After Apr 1. Black Wd

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Dear Dr. Speer -

Thanks for the dear little letter. It came at a time when I was almost 'down & out' by the depressing influence of this place.

David comes to see me once or twice a week, but we are two miles out with bus very irregular bus, so I insist on his visits not being frequent.

He wants me to marry him Dr. Speer - he is a lovable man and we are good friends - are congenial - but we are both so old! He thinks the few years we would be together would be happier if we were married together and feels sure Mr. Chester would approve it, as they were close friends and he would not expect to usurp, him or take his place, but only continue his love & care for me.

So I do not know what we will do - My boys are opposed and I will not go against their wishes,

I am so glad you are recuperating so rapidly. I rejoice with Mrs. Speer. I have been with her during these anxious days & nights. My deep and abiding love is with both of you.

Always Affectionately

Susan W. Chester.

This is rather a confidential letter but I know your interest as well as love - S.W.C.

Chester, Susan W.

4th June. Dear Dr. Speer, - This is just to tell you how much help your little book "Five Minutes a Day" is to me and others.

The prayers signed R. E. S. are my favorites. Recently I have memorized the prayer "Christ and Womanhood" Page 324. And quote it to my young friends.

It is an incentive to mothers and teachers to live up to their high calling.

I wish I had had it when my children were growing up.

Thanks for the letter which I have answered mentally several times. I appreciate the friendship of your dear friends – both yourself and dear Mrs Speer. Please tell her that this is a sort of love letter for you both and I am looking forward to the day when we shall rest "under the tree" and have many good talks about our pilgrimage down here and our mutual friends.

Please do not think you must answer this poor little expression of my esteem & love – Yours &c Susan W. Chester

Chester, Susan W.

August 1st

Dear Dr. Spur, -

I want to enlist your interest & prayers in my John (now Col. Chester) who is soon to return home from England where he has been in Command of one of our Hospitals, the 114th General Hospital:

In the Vanderbilt Medical School, of the eight graduates selected by the Committee sent out by the Army, my John was one.

He was married at once, so he and Catherine have lived all their mature life in an Army Post.

You may know what that

3/ them in your prayers.

I am looking forward to seeing you the latter part of August. Please do not think you must answer this as I will be seeing you so soon.

Dr. McGonaughy is at the Alba this summer, and is also looking forward to seeing you. He comes down occasionally to have me read to him, as you may remember he has cataracts on both eyes.

With abiding love for you and Mrs. Speer — Affly yours

Susan V. Chester.

2/ means – a gay life for his wife, but a hard-working one for John. Even on Sunday, he had duties which prevented his going to church (so they claimed).

But now in England his chaplain writes me that "Col. Chester" is never absent from the Church services and is a great help to him. You may imagine how gratifying that is to me.

I am hoping and praying that this may continue, and that both he and his wife will be earnest Christians "seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

I will be so grateful if you and Mrs. Spurr will remember

Chester, Susan W.

Oct. 23rd Dear Friends, — [illegible]

4 Dungra Road Montclair

Just a little letter to bear my love to you dear friends. So do not answer as I remember what a busy man you are.

I am up here for the winter with my daughter Elizabeth — (Mrs Mac Millan). Her two daughters Sue & Elsie are with her — their husbands and Dr. Mac Millan all away — we do not know exactly where but toward China. The girls are a joy to me. —

children share these interests with me. I am glad to be up here "where the wheels go round" – tho I prefer the slow old South for my home.

I must tell you again – how I love the little book you sent me – "Five Minutes A Day" It is a constant reminder of you, dear Dr Steve – though I think I need nothing – you are often in my thoughts and constantly in my heart in my prayers. How grateful I am that Christ set us an example of prayer – If He felt the need – how much more should I. We Christian could change the world and are doing it, tho not fast enough.

Always my love to both of you –

Aff.ly

Susan N. Chester

4 Duryea Rd.

Montclair.

N. Jersey.

Both have "jobs" – Sue is in the 3rd District Chaplains Office. She came home yesterday full of the Memorial Service held at Sea to honor the boys who fell – 55000 during the War – It was a sort of floral ceremonial – Huge floral designs of anchors & flags made out flowers thrown overboard just out of the harbor.

Sue's Chaplains had part in the ceremonies, so of course she was much interested as well as I. These dear

Chester, Susan W.

4th September. 89

Dear Dr. Speer, - I have just read again your beautiful prayer at Elliot's Memorial Service. The words expressed exactly what was in your heart, and my heart was lifted too to the loving Father, who has made death only a "change", as you expressed it on horizon.

I hope I shall pass through it with composure and even a smile because I see Christ quite near - with a smile of victory on His face. "Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" - my

3/ It was a joy to see you and have the little visit.

"David" has returned to Winter Park where he has many friends. I appreciate more and more the wisdom of your advice — you may not remember it — but time has proved you were right. We are still good friends but nothing more.

I may go down for a few months, to stay probably at the Sanitarium there.

We are rejoicing in the prospect of a "peace,"

not yet, but still in the future, when the Prince of Peace comes to reign.

Love always to dear Mrs. Spurr as well as yourself.

Aff'ly

Susan W. Chester.

P.S.

The little book "Five Minutes a Day" and my Bible are always together, and a great comfort to me.

I know which prayers are yours even before I read the signature. They are the ones I love and read often and mark.

"Who endured far by faith we meet around one common Mercy Seat."

S. W. C.

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favorite verse, or one of my favorites - I have so many.

I had a beautiful letter just the other day, recalling some of his visits to our home - from Dr Frank Price..

What a remarkable work his was, with the help always of Dear Father - as he calls his wife..

I wrote him that I was looking forward to the day (not so far distant) when we shall gather under the "shade of the Tree" - & recall some of the of precious of our Earth life - how wonderfully he has led us.

(over)

Chester, Susan W.

n.d.

A Postscript to David's letter — to our beloved Dr. Speer.

That lovely little visit. Friday afternoon will long linger in my memory. It was too bad that beautiful plan for my attending the Sunday evening service was hindered by rain.

However, we shall look forward to next summer.

Many expressions came to me from that evening service. I think you were used of the Father to lift the congregation into His very Presence.

I could only think of these lines: (over)

"Breathe through the heats
of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let silence be dumb. Let flesh retire;
Speak not through earthquake, wind and fire
But by the still small voice
of calm!"

Affectionately Yours
Susan H. Chester.

Nov. 30th Chester, Susan W.

Dear Dr. Spencer – This little letter was written quite a week ago – I overlooked it. written on Sunday morning. There years when I was here I could go up and down stairs but I must have deteriorated in strength for I find I cannot negotiate this long flight now.

Dr. Vincent – whom I think you know, of the Congregational Church, has been to see me. He considers me a shut-in as indeed I am. I enjoyed his visit – It was good of him – such a busy man, to come to see me a very old lady.

I happened to speak of the King ranch in Texas Mrs. King, years ago, was one of our largest giver

to Foreign Missions. I think my dear husband interested her in that important arm of church work — Foreign Missions. But it is not only an arm — it should be the Church itself. Mrs. King was the largest land owner in Texas. I heard not long ago that the Standard Oil had bought one or two million acres from the estate at 1 ct per acre, but the gifts to Foreign Missions have diminished in proportion.

Mrs. King died before Jan C. and no one seems able to interest the heirs in the work of the church.

My grandson Wright MacMillan was stationed in an Army Camp near Kingville & tells about the boys who went across the line to hunt & never returned back. A band of cut throat Mexicans are hired to shoot on sight anyone depredating, and are rarely prosecuted. It is a lawless community, and yet the original owner was a friend of ours and a good Christian woman. I often think of dear Mrs. King and my husband talking it over & how they must deplore the present state of things. Why should we not pray that God will change the heart of some of the heirs & make it a Christian community.

There is so much to pray for!

Dear Dr. Stuer, I still find your little book very helpful. Have it with my Bible and rarely a day passes that I do not use it.

My friend Dr. McConaughy is on Winter Pack. I hear from him & am fond of him, but am so glad you discouraged as my children did, any matrimonial suggestions. Of course I never mentioned to any one what you said, but am grateful to you nevertheless.

I do appreciate yours & Mrs Speer's friendship and especially as since my dear husband left me.

I seem to feel that I can appeal to you as a true friend for any help in a difficult situation. Dr. McC. does not see things as I see them.

Hoping that you & Mrs. Speer and the grand children will have a blessed and joyous Christmas - Affly yours

Susan M Chester.

Christian, Fred E.

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Thursday

Dear Dr. Greer:

As I prepare the check to give you tonight, I can not do so without adding in this way a note of appreciation for your helpful leadership. You have been a genuine source of inspiration to us, all.

We pray that God may continue to permit you years of such wide service and that He may enable us to be better ministers and people in Williamsport because of the inspiration of these hours.

With every good wish to you, I am

Cordially yours,

Fred. E. Christian.

Clarke, Dumont

DUMONT CLARKE
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

THE LORD'S ACRE PLAN

FARMERS FEDERATION
COOPERATIVE
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

August 23, 1945.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Montreat, N. C.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It is with eager spiritual anticipation that Annie, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Caskey, and I are looking forward to seeing you and hearing you tomorrow -- Friday -- night at Montreat.

I am writing you now to enclose two Bible bookmarks which we are using to strengthen the habit of daily prayer in the membership of the churches with which we have connection through the use of the Lord's Acre plan. Specifically, I am writing to ask your approval of a composite arrangement which I have made of two statements of yours found in "A Christian's Habits". I am preparing a pamphlet to accompany the Bible bookmark, containing a considerable amount of sermonic material, to illuminate the use of Scripture-Prayer. Under the head of "The Need for Prayer", I have a large number of varied quotations.

The composite arrangement which I have made is as follows: "Prayer is the best stimulus to work, and the great fountain of energy, and it is suicidal to cut ourselves off -- through failing to pray -- from Him who is the one source of life and righteousness and power". Dr. Robert E. Speer.

Along with this quotation, if approved by you, I am using another which you formerly gave me: "What we need is to be daily and vividly conscious of the living Christ, and what the church needs is members who through prayer and the study of Scripture know the presence of God, seek to obey His commands in their lives, and help to establish His Kingdom in human society. As promised to the disciples in The Acts 1:8-14, a church at prayer in the spirit of Christ will be a church of power."

Will you please let me know in the enclosed, addressed envelope whether it would be agreeable to you to have me use the composite quotation, as typed above. Or perhaps you would wish to make some change in its form.

Most sincerely yours,

Dumont Clarke

Clarke, Dumont

DUMONT CLARKE
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

THE LORD'S ACRE PLAN

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ASHEVILLE, N. C.

October 16, 1945.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

This takes to you my Christian greetings as we, together with our Christian brothers in every land, enter actively upon the task of rebuilding with Christ in the post-war world.

May I earnestly commend to your attention the enclosed pamphlet, SCRIPTURE-PRAYER -- MANUAL FOR MINISTERS. May I ask you to read with special thoughtfulness the paragraphs in the sections "Values in Scripture-Prayer" and "Prayer As Listening to God".

Over a period of more than thirty years I have studied and tested the use of Scripture-Prayer. It is my profound conviction that when this Bible practice is properly explained and when it is kept habitually before the Sunday school and church congregation, it will prove in every instance a means of bringing a greatly deepened spiritual life to the Church.

The Bible book-mark, also enclosed, provides the medium through which Scripture-Prayer is made very practicable. These book-marks are meeting with an enthusiastic reception.

* * You will notice that there are a number of quotations from you on Pages 7, 9, 11, (concluded on Page 12). I am grateful to you for these very helpful statements.

It would seem that Scripture-Prayer -- used with the Bible book-mark -- and the Lord's Acre plan would strengthen each other; and that the two practices together will provide a fruitful daily nurture of the Christian life.

Annie unites with me in Christian greetings to you, Mrs. Speer and your family,

Gratefully yours,

Dumont Clarke

P.S.

C/w Jim is away or he also would send his greetings D.C.

Clarke, Dumont

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Wednesday, June 5th 1946

Dear Dr. Speer:

In the course of a Lord's Acre - Scripture - Prayer speaking tour through Central Pennsylvania the schedule brought me near to Huntingdon. - It has a privilege today to worship quietly in the church of your boyhood years. - This takes Christian greetings to you, Mrs Speer and your family. Affectionately,

Dumont Clarke

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Connecticut.

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Dear Dr. Speer:

Your beautiful note of Christian remembrance and sympathy - from yourself and Mrs Speer - has brought much comfort to us.

Indeed I and my children have had a precious treasure in dear Annie; and even though God has called her to her Heavenly Home, it is wonderful that her spiritual presence is so vitally present through sorrow. As you so well know, this is an inexpressible blessing.

I thank you with all my heart for your prayerful thoughts of us. Affectionately

Dumont Clarke.

The Reverend Dumont Clarke
and his family
give thanks for the radiance of her who has entered into Eternal Life; and are grateful for every manifestation of love and friendship which enriched her life, through which we also, in Christian faith, are sustained and blessed.

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June 14th, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

You would not, or a moment, question our appreciation to you for your spiritual leadership in our Syno gatherings. This year certainly was no exception. The confusion and distress of the war, D-Day coming on as it did during our program, and your manner of approach as you brought to us the "good news" woul indicate the spirit of God was guiding you in the selection of your theme. I am inclined to believe that we worked you pretty hard. You are always so generous, we may at times take advantage of you, but the above is but a token of our great appreciation of you always.

Sincerely,

W. M. Cleaveland

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May 14, 1946

Dear Mr. Speer:

For your contribution to literature, the Executive Committee has voted you the Honorary Membership. Upon your approval, the award will be made by order of the Board of Directors. There are no dues or assessments.

With kind personal regards and all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Cyril Clemens

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Close, Batie Lee

Sunday P.M.

Aug 29 '47

Dear Dr. Speer.

Am sorry I did not get the pleasure of shaking your hand this morning as is my custom each year here in Montreat where we spend the summer months, but I realized it was very cold + you were very brave to attempt to speak in such a cold place. Your talk was worth freezing for as everyone remarked.

When you have time, I would appreciate if you would read this article I have written at random mostly + criticize its merits if you find any.

I am convinced that the most important character at the Peace Conference should be a mother of a boy who is in the Service or who may be later on.

Would the Church World Peace Union back me up, sponsor the organizing of a group of mothers, beginning in our own Country first? With a little publicity, it would be no time to have an army of mothers to carry on this great War against War.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Most Sincerely,

Bettie Lee Close

(Mrs. Kenneth Close)

Montreat +
Coral Gables, Fla.

a mother from every country representing the heart + soul of her boy + her nation's sons. Wouldn't that be great! In order to do this to have such representation, it seems to me, we should organize an International Mothers Club + study the best plans for International Brotherhood + understanding. If I could get some organization to back me up, give me something definite to hitch on, I'd be glad to devote my life + time for some organization of this kind. My heart + soul are in this plan, I've dreamed about, prayed about it + I believe I can do it.

Kindly read this over. These are some of the things I have in mind that I consider essential to study over -

Cody, E. Frank

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Fillmore Street Presbyterian Church

E. FRANK CODY, Pastor

Corinth, Miss.

W. A. McCORD
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A. J. VAUGHN
Church Treasurer

December 6,1944

Dear Dr.Speer;

Your letter of November 24th was very much of a surprise to us. It also brought us a bit of bad news. We are so very soory that you are having to undergo some operations. But there is the great hope that they will be so successful you will be renewed in that strength that we feel is so vital to us.

The visit that you had with us before was of such lasting value. The messages you placed upon our hearts so rich we want you to come back when-so-ever it is expedient and convenient with you to come. The door is so wide open we have even taken it off the hinges and thrown it away. You will be welcome and warmly and largely received whenever you can come.

There is one element in the matter of your not being able to come in March that is favorable. The weather down here is most boisterous and unhappy we had some fears about the advisability of your being here at that time. But we are willing, you know, to gather the crums from the great man's table, if need be. What I mean is, we were willing for you to come at the time most suited to you. So that is the way it stands. We say to you as we have said before "PLEASE COME TO US when you find it possible."

On last Wednesday evening nearly every person present offered an audible prayer in your behalf. We will keep on praying that God will restore you and send you to us again.

With very kindest regards and best wishes I am,

Frank Cody

E.Frank Cody, Minister

Coffin, Henry Sloane

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET
NEW YORK 27, N.Y.

PRESIDENTS ROOM

February 9, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

My dear Robert

I am sending on to you Perry's PURITANISM AND DEMOCRACY which Emma so generously gave to me.

I have read it all and found it a very rewarding book with much information and with many insights that have enriched me. I am not sure that he makes the connection between the religious heritage of Puritanism and the very much less religious heritage of the Enlightenment clear and shows how our double tradition works into some sort of unity. I had the feeling that the more devout tradition became somewhat lost in his own mind. Certainly in the summary it seemed to me that he did far less justice to the Puritan heritage than he had done in the chapters which dealt with it specifically. But it is a very thoughtful piece of work and I think you will enjoy it as I have. Keep the book and I will get it this spring when I come up.

With a great deal of love to you both and the hope that you are making progress, I am

Faithfully yours

H.S.C.

HSC:BB

Coit, J. K.

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Santee, Ga. Mar. 26th 1945.

My dear Dr. Speer:—

Once more after quite a time, I am coming to you for help. Will you not please advise me how I can secure the address that you delivered at Union Seminary, Richmond, Va. The Self Consciousness of Jesus Christ. It was printed in the Seminary Magazine, but these are to be had no more. I hope that it is available in separate form. I will be grateful for your advice.

We have rented our home in Montreat and have moved back into the mountains of North Georgia among our old friends of a lifetime. 1909–1940 — and are very happy to be here.

Sincerely yours

J. K. Coit

Coit, John Knox

Ans

520 West 122d Street
New York 27, New York
May 15, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

I thought perhaps you would like to know of the passing of my father on May 5th after a brief severe attack of pneumonia. Since last fall he and my mother had been back in Nacoochee Valley, Georgia, where they served for more than twenty years. Father was retired in 1939 from the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School and had gone back to Nacoochee Valley to minister to two small churches there and to render all kinds of small services to the people of that isolated community. I think this past winter was in many ways the happiest my parents have spent.

We buried him beside the little Presbyterian church in that beautiful valley he loved so well. Hundreds of those who knew him gave a moving testimony to their devotion by overflowing the little church and by innumerable acts of kindness and friendship toward those of us left behind.

Open upon his desk when he died was a letter he was writing to a friend who had recently experienced a bereavement. In the letter my father had penned the verse which I have understood was on the fly leaf of your Bible and which he often quoted -

He and I in yon high glory
One great joy shall share;
Mine to be forever with Him,
His that I am there.

Very sincerely,

John Knox Coit

Dear Dr. Speer, Coleman, H.C. Mar. 28.

Just a note to thank you for your letter of Mar. 6, and to let you know that I hope the seminars can be arranged in the future. I can understand your refusal to assume the official responsibility of organizing the programs, but I hope you will urge the Board to arrange them somehow. I know they do so much needed good, and would want to help if you are to speak at them.

I don't expect any answer to this. Please give my love to Mrs. Speer.

Affectionately,
H.C.

Sgt SFC Coleman

8th Tow Sq Squadron

G.P.O. # 692 9, Pm

Presque Isle

Maine

P.S. Betty is sending me "Charles Kingsley" by Mrs. Kingsley.

ESTATE OF
H. C. COLEMAN
1521 PACKARD BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

August 31, 1944.

Dear Dr. Speer,

Hig and his wife, Betty, have asked me to send you the enclosed check to the order of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education for $1,500, to be used for the Faith and Life Seminars.

Hig will be writing to you personally from Baffin Island, but in the meantime this will bring you the assurance of their deep prayerful interest in this special work, together with loving greetings to yourself and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor B. Klemm
Secretary

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Ogunquit Maine
Aug. 29

Dear Mr. Speer: This happened to go through my hands (in the course of "business" routing, — & although I can't express myself like the

"decorous" Klemmy,
as she is called
— I can & do send
my love to all
the Speers.
You will meet
our little Betty,
I hope, at the
Norristown
church anniversary
in October, Isn't
it nice that Hig "found
his ideal"? (For which?
really should not have
used quotation marks, - as
he really did) Helen Coleman

Coleman, "Hig"

Aug. 31.
1944

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Dear Dr. Speer,

Thanks very much for your recent letter. I wrote Miss Klemm about 10 days ago asking her to send the Board of Christian Education a check earmarked for you and the Seminars. I am not mentioning the amount in this letter as it must be censored locally, but I trust you will receive the check or notice thereof shortly.

My wife joins me in this, and we pray for you in this work. It surely ought to be fully worth while.

Remember me to Mrs. Speer. I think often of your lovely home in Lakeville and of the garden. And remember, we hope to re-open Camp soon as possible, and Mrs. Speer and you have a standing invitation.

Affectionately,
Hig.

Sgt. H. C. Coleman, Jr.
8th Weather
1384 AAF Base Unit, NAD, ATC,
APO 692, c/o PM.,
Presque Isle, Me.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville (Rockledge)
Conn.

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(Coleman) Hig
(H.C.)
KC

Feb. 26.

Dear Dr. Speer,

Thank you for your letter of Nov. 24. and for your kind wishes and thoughts sent to Betty (for so she is called, not Anna) and myself. She is the best thing that ever happened to me — a real Christian partner. She is completing nurses' training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she has about 1 year yet to go. She is a good nurse.

My interest in your Seminars remains constant, ~~and~~ I ask Betty about these matters too now, and she feels it is a wonderful idea. Could you write me a brief note just saying whether you are continuing them, because I should like to continue to help.

You recall several years ago writing for me a list of worthwhile Christian biographies? I read some of them, but on being assigned this Arctic post on Baffin Island as a

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Weather man, I re-dug out your list + noticed you had underlined "Wilson of the Antarctic" by Seaver as an especially good story. I got Betty to send it to me and it is not only very interesting but very helpful to me). He certainly was a fine man.

I send my love to Mrs. Speer + yourself and would love to have you know Betty and vice versa. Some-day I hope it will be so. I think of Mrs. Speer and you and your lovely home often.

Affectionately yours,

Hig.

P.S. I am liking the arctic, but could stand some more bird, animal and plant life without straining my appreciation of nature. We are north of all trees.

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H. C. COLEMAN
1521 PACKARD BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

January 21, 1946.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer,

Betty and I want to thank you for your thoughtful Christmas card containing an invitation for us to come up and pay you a visit. I have wanted for a long time to have her meet you both, and I would love to see you myself.

Although at the present time I am pretty busy with odds and ends, we will definitely try to find a day within the next several months when we can drive up and see you both. I hope this finds you both feeling well.

Our very best wishes.

Affectionately,

Hig.

Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

P.S. I am not set yet on a definite work or job. It's surprising how much time it takes simply to manage loose business ends.

H.

Coleman, Horace C., Jr.

GS/

July 29, 1946.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Marnie called me up a couple of weeks before I left Norristown, and unfortunately I was not able to go over and see her before leaving for Camp, but she did mention that she might be driving around through New England f or a short time this summer.

I know that you all have your major plans made by this date, but if it might work out conveniently for Mrs. Speer and yourself and Marnie, or just Mrs. Speer and yourself, to come up and pay us a visit here at Camp sometime before Labor Day and see what the old place looks like, Mother and I would be very happy indeed to have you as our guests.

You know several of the people up here and others would be new. Camp is pretty full this summer. We are operating it along the lines Dad used to.

John and his family are here now and Betty and I, and Mother is expected on Wednesday.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Hig

Horace C. Coleman, Jr.

HCC/T

P.S. Betty + I wanted to get to see you in Lakeville this spring, but we were so busy we couldn't conveniently get away.

(Coleman) Hig

1521 Packard Building,
Philadelphia 2,
Pennsylvania.

February 3, 1947.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I did not know until recently that you were again going out on seminar trips similar to those you used to do with Dr. George Irving. I understand that this month you are going to be down south and am enclosing a check in the amount of $1,000 payable to the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, the purpose of which is to help fund the seminars you are engaged in. I would not trouble you personally by causing you to re-mail this check except that I am out of contact again and do not know who the proper party would be to send it to.

Did you see in this last issue of Time (the one with Robert Young of the Alleghany Corporation on the front) excerpts from Monsignor Sheen's article under Religion? I know very little about him frankly but I thought a lot of what he said in that article hit the nail on the head. There is difficulty, however, I feel in reconciling his idea of a passion for an Absolute on the one hand and deceptively keeping to one's self the secret that one does not believe in God on the other hand. If you read the article you will know what I mean and if you have read it I'd like to hear whatever comment you'd care to make on it, but please do not trouble yourself if you have not done so.

With love to Mrs. Speer and yourself,

HCCJr/K

Hig

Collinson, W. Cecil

THE WATER OF LIFE

IN the highlands of Abyssinia, there rises a spring called the Abbai - to this spring Egypt owes its life. Alexander the Great, Cambyses, Julius Caesar and Nero spent time and treasure in seeking to discover the source of the river, without success. The first European to discover it was a Portuguese Jesuit priest, who was sent on a political and religious mission to Abyssinia early in the seventeenth century.

No special interest is attached to the Little Abbai, which flows <u>into</u> Lake Tana, but to the Big Abbai, or Blue Nile, as it came to be called, which flows <u>out</u> of it; for, in Lake Tana, God has created a vast reservoir, the dam having been constructed by a volcanic upheaval ages ago, whereby a lava stream blocked the old valley of the Blue Nile, holding back the water, and controlling the overflow.

From this lake, which is situated six thousand feet above sea level, and is probably not more than thirty-five feet deep anywhere, this river of God flows on its long journey of one thousand miles to Khartoum, "condemned to mine a channelled way" for four hundred miles, where the mighty canyon is a mile deep, and the river is, in the main, uncharted and out of sight. Then, the river flows from the border of the Sudan, where it is joined by the White Nile, another fifteen hundred miles, to the Mediterranean Sea, and it is here we see the result of the river's work in the mountains, for the rich mud, some of the most fertile which the world produces, is spread over the sands of Egypt, causing the earth to bring forth and bud, and the desert to blossom as the rose; for "These waters....go down into the desert;;;.and .. everything whithersoever the rivers shall come shall live." What a spiritual parable is here!

God always provides for the life which He creates, for everything

and everyone is created for His pleasure, and were it not for the Nile, there would be no life in Egypt - as it has often been said, "Egypt is the Nile." The Delta of Egypt is the most densely populated portion of the earth's surface, for, in an area equal only to the County of Yorkshire, there are fifteen millions of precious souls who derive their sustenance from God's overflow in the physical sense. The great problem before the Egyptian Government is to get enough land under cultivation to sustain the ever-growing population, and this is solved by cutting channels whereby the water, rich in nourishment, reaches the sun-dried, hard and unproductive desert.

God has a great purpose for Egypt. Read the precious promises contained in Isaiah xix: 20-25.

And now it is for us to implement these promises, for Christ puts into action that which we pray for according to His will. God has provided a mighty reservoir in Christ, now seated on high, in Whom are all our fresh springs, and an abundant sufficiency of spiritual blessings, and it is His command to us, which, if we truly love Him, we shall delight to obey, to appropriate the Living Water and provide Him with an inlet and an outlet, becoming channels indeed through which the river of the water of life can flow. The ancient Egyptians deified and worshipped the Nile, and the modern Egyptians realize that they owe their very existence to the water of the river; but they do not recognize that they owe all to ~~Christ~~ God through Christ, and they are dying without full knowledge of Him, Who is yearning after them with an unquenchable love. "Whosoever drinketh (keeps on drinking) of the water that I shall him shall never thirst." The measure of our missionary zeal is the depth of our love to Christ.

W. CECIL COLLINSON

London

Corum, J. M., Jr.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NORRISTOWN, PA.

J. M. CORUM, JR., D. D. June 3, 1946 113 E. AIRY STREET

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

A few people in our Church feel that we are not giving as much to missions, especially foreign missions, as we should be giving. At the suggestion of one of the men I wrote to the Board of Foreign Missions some time ago asking for information regarding the plan of the Board to send out New missionaries this year and also asking what the expense is to the Board for each missionary. We had a very nice letter from Miss Ruth Elliott in regard to that. We were told that the average expense of a missionary under our Board is about $1600.00. Of course, our Church knew that since we are supporting two or three missionaries in full.

The man who asked me to write them, took the matter up with the China Inland Mission and learned from them that the expense of one of their missionaries in China is about $1000.00. This man has come to me and has gone over the matter with me in a full and frank way. The people who with him are interested in this project are giving to our Church. The group is not made up of people who are disgruntled. They have approximately $2000.00 pledged for foreign missions. They have just about decided to give it to the C.I.M. and thereby will be supporting two missionaries in China. They feel that $2000.00 under the C.I.M. will do what $3200.00 would under the Board.

I now come to the reson why I am writing to you. The man who has talked to me about this is very anxious to have the Session approve it and give consent for it to be handled by the Session's treasurer and then in time to have it placed in the Budget. He also feels that the Session should have me make an announcement from the pulpit explaining the matter and giving other people who might desire it, a chance to give to this work.

If you were pastor of this Church or were on the Session, would you approve the Session's handling this matter and eventually placing it in the Budget and giving an invitation from the pulpit to the congregation to have a share in it if they desire?

We will all appreciate very much your judgment and advice about this.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

J M Corum Jr.

Cory, Phoebe
77 South Munn Ave.
East Orange N. J.
March 21, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer,

On Sunday evening at the close of day, Mother went home to be with Daddy. It was a blessed release from months of suffering & years of loneliness since Daddy went on & feel that for that

would love to see you if you are in New York.
Devotedly
Phoebe
(McDowell Cory)

as now I appreciate more than ever
what it means to be an only child but
I have tried to do everything as I
know Mother & Daddy would want. Mary
knows she spoke of when this time would
come. God planned in the most wonderful
way to have me spared any unnecessary
- any worry.

The service is to be in the Chapel

reason I should rejoice and not be sad. Everything was done to try & help relieve her pain & when we felt she should no longer try & stay at her apartment, friends took a convalescent home in Orange where she had the kindest & most sympathetic care.

I have been crushed

of the Wum Ave. Presbyterian Church at three o'clock Wednesday after-noon. Dr Muir the pastor is at the bed-side of his Mother & may not be able to come. Rev Howard Augustine an old friend of Mother & Daddys is to assist. I found by long distance to Lakeville that you were to be in Cleveland until Sunday. If you had been nearer I wanted you to have part in the service & I meant to write this last night but was not able because of phone calls & friends coming in. I shall be here until April 1st and

Cory, Phoebe M.

Melvin Village N.H.

September 1, 1944

Dear Dr Speer -

Little did I think that so many days would pass before I wrote to you! The weeks after Mother went home passed filled with many duties that fell on my shoulders. God gave me strength to do things

comforting letter you wrote. but that
time never seemed to come. I was not
well in May & in June two of our
children had chicken pox. We came
up here to our Camp in July but with
the three youngest to watch by the lake
side & the work to do, I have found
very little opportunity for writing.

the way I felt about Daddy
would want me. On returning
to my own family & home I
answered the many notes and
letters that came to me from
the devoted friends. I put
yours aside for a very special
time when I could really tell
you how much I appreciated
all that you said in the

We had a beautiful service for Mother - many old & dear friends were there & said she looked just as she did as a young woman at Norwichfield or Jamestown. Mr Augustine an intimate friend, & Dr Beattie led in a simple ~~but~~ and consecrated service & it would have been perfect if you could have been there in person - I felt as though you were there in spirit. I hope you will be in Boston again soon. With love & devotion from Phoebe M. Cory.

ARTHUR WILSON COURTNEY
292 WEST FOURTH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

February 6, 1946

Dear Dr Speer,

Enclosed are the resolutions regarding Walter Lowrie which you were so kind as to let me see. I have returned to you under separate cover the book on the ordination and installation of Richard Harlan. It interested me to read Dr Paxton's charge which showed that he had a sense of humor. In commenting on your remarks at the banquet, Dr Moldenhawer commended your treatment of the opera bouffe incident of Harlan's pastorate. A member of the church now, Mr Sullivan, remembers being appointed a committee of one to visit Mr Harlan and tell him that the congregation did not like his frequent sermon illustrations based on the sport of football. Mr Sullivan said that he felt very nervous when he began the interview but that Mr Harlan put his arm around Mr Sullivan's shoulders and told him that it would turn out all right and not to take it so hard.

I wish I knew how you are able to locate such interesting material in Schulte's bookstore. I have not been so fortunate. Your literary example is a great inspiration to me.

Cordially yours,

Arthur W. Courtney

Crawford, Lois

Radio Station KFGQ
Boone, Iowa
March 24, 1944

R.E.S.

Gentlemen,

Please send one copy of "George Barnes, of Bombay" — to be used in Radio Missionary Programs over non-commercial Radio Station KFGQ.

Yours truly,
Lois Crawford

Robert E. Speer

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

The Missionary Review of
the World
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City
New York

Crawford, Loretta

Jos

2810 Hawthorne Ave.
Richmond 22, Va.
Aug. 12, 1945.

Dear Dr. Speer,

For the past three years I have been teaching Bible in the Senior High School of Greensboro, N. C.

One of my students was very religious by nature but not too well balanced emotionally. She talked to me a great deal about what she

because of the War. So I have known and admired you for many years.

Can "One Girl's Influence" still be gotten? In two weeks I am to be married to a widower with four children, one of whom is a girl only twelve years old now but when she is older I should love to have a copy of that for her. It made a great impression on me.

I am sorry to bother you about all of this but am anxious to get this literature -

Cordially yours
Loretta Crawford

thought her life work should be - and it changed very frequently!

I remember reading a most helpful pamphlet by you on how to choose one's life work. Would you be so kind as to let me know how I could get one. I would like especially to give this girl a copy.

My father was Rev. C. C. Crawford of Soochow, China and I myself was a missionary in the same city until I came home on furlo in 1940 and later could not return

Creelman, George W.

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LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Dec 31, 1944

My dear Friend;

You called us "dear, dear Friends", as indeed we are. And it reminds me that another good friend, years and years ago, wrote me. "I find that the power of friendship transcends all other power".

Yes, you do know the road we tread. We know it now only too well, but we even now do not quite know it as you do. Whether we can be brave I do not know. But we can appear brave. And we can be still and wait patiently for the time, and we hope it will not be long.

Your sons and my boy are now doubtless together talking over old times pleasantly and not finding the time too long as they await us.

Your letter is a great comfort. We read it again and again. Thank you

Affectionately

George W. Creelman

During July and August, the address of the directors will be
Keewaydin Camps, Timagami, Ontario

Creighton, J. W.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH AND COURT STREETS

MARYSVILLE, OHIO

September 23, 1944

Robert E. Speer,
c/o Bd. of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

Pardon the use of your old address; I do not have your home address. However, I'm sure this will find you.

This letter is written to ask a matter relating to the practice in installation services.

After serving the Marysville Church for about a year and a half, first as just a supply, then as an ad interim supply, then as stated supply the church went a step farther and extended a call to the pastorate. It will be my first, and the church is generous enough to approve my keeping up with certain educational interests and certain relations to the Far East.

Since theological seminary days I have always had an interest in the "parity of the eldership" and have felt that the tendency in Presbyterian circles was to over-emphasize the minister at the expense of the elder in church government and actual management. This accounts, I presume, for a certain sentiment toward wishing that the charge to me be given by an elder-a ruling elder.

It occurs to me that you would be about the most likely elder for such assignments as you have been in the center of church life so long. Thus you would probably know if such things are done. Have you, for example, taken part in the installation ceremonies for a Presbyterian minister being installed as pastor of a Presbyterian church? Do you know of any other elders who have performed such a function?

Please keep in mind that this is an installation and not an ordination; it is a charge and not the propounding of the questions.

This desire on my part is based on something more than passing sentiment. I believe that elders would be in a better position at times to give a charge. Further, it seems to me that the genius of the Presbyterian Church makes this in order, even though practice has been rather otherwise. However, I am not interested in a crusade--there are other crusades more necessary.

Thanking you for this information, and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

J.W. Creighton

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Some weeks ago I met your daughter in New York, also had luncheon with Walline, Fisher, Wells and other friends from China. J.W.C.

Cross, Frank M.

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FRANK MOORE CROSS
MINISTER

March 5, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

With good intentions I began this letter on the date above. I was interrupted and I have allowed other matters to interfere until now.

It was a wonderful privilege that came to me in being with you and Dr. McClung in our Seminars. I have had the pleasure of hearing you many times before, but you brot me greater inspiration and help this time than ever before. I voice the feelings of the men of our Synod when I tell you of our deep appreciation of your messages and the inspiration of your warm Christian spirit.

I am sure that it must be a matter of greatest satisfaction to you, that, tho retired from the work of a lifetime, you are privileged to be busy in other fields in the Master's Kingdom. I pray that many more years of such fruitful labor may be granted you.

With very best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer,

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Cross

Crouch, Archie R.

-:- PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS -:-

REV. ARCHIE R. CROUCH
140 North Berkeley
Fullerton, Calif.

April 20, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York-10-N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The United States Army and Navy is asking for complete files of my pictures taken in China as a missionary. I have been wondering what policies you have following during your long experience in the missionary program regarding the supplying of military groups with vital information gained as missionaries on the field.

The problem as it appears to me is that we make true many of their accusations against us in the countries in which we labor, if we turn open our files without discrimination to whatever military group in our own country that wants information.

I want to remain worthy of the confidence the Chinese people had in me when they allowed me to photograph in their country. At the same time I want to do what is right for my own country. I also want to be a part of a Christian Missionary Group that has a farsighted policy in regard to the relationship of the missionary program to national governments.

Can you give me some personal advice in regard to this? I hesitate to make a decision until I have talked to others who have had longer experience in these matters than I have.

Very sincerely,

Archie R. Crouch

Culbertson, Paul T.

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Dr. Robert M. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

A number of years ago while a student struggling with the problems of the depression, my attention was called to your volume of lectures entitled The Marks of a Man, and, in particular to your lecture on "The Principle of the Margin". That essay did wonders for me morally and spiritually just when I needed it the most. In the years since that time I have often recommended the principle of the margin to many of my students as one of the most worthy challenges of the Christian life.

At present I am engaged in the writing of a small book giving a Christian interpretation to the building of the great Golden Gate Bridge. One chapter is to be entitled "Maintaining an Adequate Safety Factor". In this chapter I plan to deal to some extent with the principle of the moral margin.

If I may have your permission, I should like to cite you and your essay in connection with my development of the "Safety Factor" in Christian living. Perhaps you would also be willing for me to cite two or three short direct quotations, and the four excellent reasons that you give for believing in the principle. Any favor that you may be willing to grant in this respect will be sincerely appreciated.

Again let me thank you for the gracious-- though to you-- unconscious, influence that you have exerted in my life.

Very truly yours,

Paul T. Culbertson

Paul T. Culbertson Ph.D.
Professor of History

P.S. I am addressing a request comparable to the above to the publishers of The Marks of a Man.

P.T.C.

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Address Reply To E. TAYLOR JUDD

April 12th 1944.

Mrs. James S. Cushman,
#815 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Cushman:

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to read much of the material you kindly sent over to me by Mr Tom Dobson, who is Director for the USO-NCCS Club in Avon Park. Of particular interest was the article in which Robert Speer and John R. Mott are pictured, and the roster of Y.W.C.A. people engaged in USO service, in which I note you checked my sister's name at Dover, Del.

It is a remarkable record still unfinished in the lives of Robert E. Speer and John R. Mott. I recall hearing the former for the first time at the Presbyterian Church nearest old 57th Street West Side Y.M.C.A. where I was a young secretary, now many years ago. My first contact with Mott was, I believe, at Silver Bay thirty some years ago.

However, I looked over all the material with interest, and do thank you for letting me have it for a days.

Mrs Caravelli and I look back with pleasure on our visit with you at Harder Hall, in that beautiful setting toward the lake, and thank you again for you kindly courtesy.

With best wishes to you for health and continued usefulness in your Y.W.C.A. and other connections,

Very sincerely,

E. T. Judd

Director

Enclosures.

And part under separate cover.

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